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THIS AUTONOMI NEWSLETTER FOCUSES ON THEMES, WHICH HAVE MADE A GREAT STIR IN DENMARK :

- THE SECOND ELECTION CONCERNING THE ENROLMENT OF DENMARK IN THE EEC-UNION AND THE POLICE MASSACRE THE 18. MAY IN COPENHAGEN.
- THE ESCALATION STRATEGY OF THE POLICE MACHINERY AGAINST THE FREE-TOWN CHRISTIANIA.

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CIAO - See you on the barricades !



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SPOTS FROM DENMARK

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Thanks to all the users and friends of Zapata!  
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After 3 intense years the autonome info-café Zapata, Blågårdsgade 12, 2200 København N. closes! We close down the 1. of April 1993.

The background for our decision to close is that our project did not succeed to become a rallying point for not-organized and basis-orientated leftwing people and for new activist groups - such as we had expected when we started the project.

During the last period came - except people from our own milieu and our friends - only few people from outside; and we did not succeed in activating them to take part in the struggle for a changing process of society in a revolutionary direction.

Now we will use the ressources set free to give priority to other areas of the struggle for a socialist revolution.

Our magazines AUTONOMI, the feminist magazine COURAGE and the English AUTONOMI-NEWSLETTER, and our original structures we intend to continue.

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The anti-imperialist collective AUTONOME REVOLUTIONERE  
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## DENMARK

### SECOND ELECTION CONCERNING THE EEC-UNION

THE POLITICAL CLASS OF THE RULERS IGNORES THE NO OF THE MAJORITY-DECISION THE 2.JUNE 1992 AND NOW THEY TRY AGAIN WITH A NEW ELECTION ...

EEC:  
The second attempt of the rulers to enrol  
Denmark in the EEC-union.

18.5.1993:

THE RESULT OF THE SECOND  
EEC-UNION ELECTION:

57% YES 43% NO

The 2.June 1992 the majority of the population in Denmark voted NO to the Maastricht-treaty / the EEC-union. The government in office and the capitalist management were disappointed and rather shocked of the result of the election. Even though the NO-decision was only based upon 40.000 (0,4 %) more votes for a NO than for a YES, nobody of the political establishment in Denmark had expected such a result.

For a short while the rulers were paralyzed, and the opposition against the EEC-union could in the period just after the NO-victory stabilize and extend the NO-attitude quite a lot.

Since then the government has been replaced with a new one - before it was a conservative-liberal coalition, today it is a socialdemocratic-liberal coalition (1). But the aim of this new government is the



same as of the government before: to secure the full integration of Denmark in the European Union.

#### ELECTION ONCE MORE THE 18. MAY 1993.

The 18. May they try again. Then there is an election concerning the Edin-burg-agreement (2) - a kind of modified version of the Maastricht-treaty. The smaller corrections and additions are only made to make the majority of the Danish population accept the union-project of the EEC. And so are the "concessions": no Danish participation in a common EEC-currency project, no participation in a common EEC-army and the retention of the Danish citizenship (haha!) NOT legally binding elements in any way. Already in 1996 it has been decided to re-negotiate the whole EEC-union project all over again at a conference for the governments. So in fact the situation and the basis of the election has not changed in any way since June 1992. The fact is that the rulers won't accept that their political-economical project for the future is voted down by their own legitimization parameter.

#### THE POLITICAL ELECTION CONSTELLATION.

##### EEC SUPPORTERS

Besides the various political conservative and liberal parties, the socialdemocracy is the most important exponent of an EEC-Eurose. The structure of the socialdemocratic party and its political conception (how decision processes are being made) is nothing but a mini-version of the political management of the EEC-bureaucracy. The internal EEC

opposition is both political profileless and organisational marginalized. In fact it rather has the function of an imaginary party-democratic alibi.

A very different function has the left-socialdemocratic party: "Socialistisk Folkeparti" (=Socialist Peoples Party) SF (3), which played an important role in the NO-opposition at the first Maastricht-/EEC-union election, June 1992. The party has changed its course and today it is an eager exponent of a consent to the Edinburg-agreement. The reason for the about-turn of Socialistisk Folkeparti is first of all the party committee's striving for power. It was Socialistisk Folkeparti, together with the Socialdemocracy and a few small bourgeois parties, who wrote the platform called "the national compromise",

which later led to the Edinburg-agreement with the other EEC countries. Socialistisk Folkeparti had hoped that by changing course in the EEC-union question they might participate in a new government together with the Socialdemocracy. The socialdemocratic strategists led the SF think so untill the Edinburg-agreement was in place.

The changing of government came shortly after, but without the participation of SF. Their opportunist changing of course had been in vain.. SF is the 3rd biggest party in Denmark, and without any doubt many of its supporters will vote in accordance to the recommendation of the party committee the 18. May. Though there is a strong opposition inside the party it has not succeeded in developing its own activities independent of the political concept of the party.







## EEC-UNION OPPONENTS

The opposition against the EEC-union consists of various smaller parties, committees, and "movements". Most of them have a reformist, bourgeois or nationalist approach, and have no anti-capitalist or anti-imperialist intentions and perspectives at all.

### THE RIGHT-WING

To the right-wing EEC-union opposition belong besides a few fascist or right-extremist mini-groups the relative big, parliament-party "Fremskridtspartiet" (=The Progress Party), which has an extreme right-populist, racist basis and is comparable with Germany's Republikaner and France's Front National. Fremskridtspartiet is the only EEC-union opponent, which is represented in the parliament (with about 5 %).

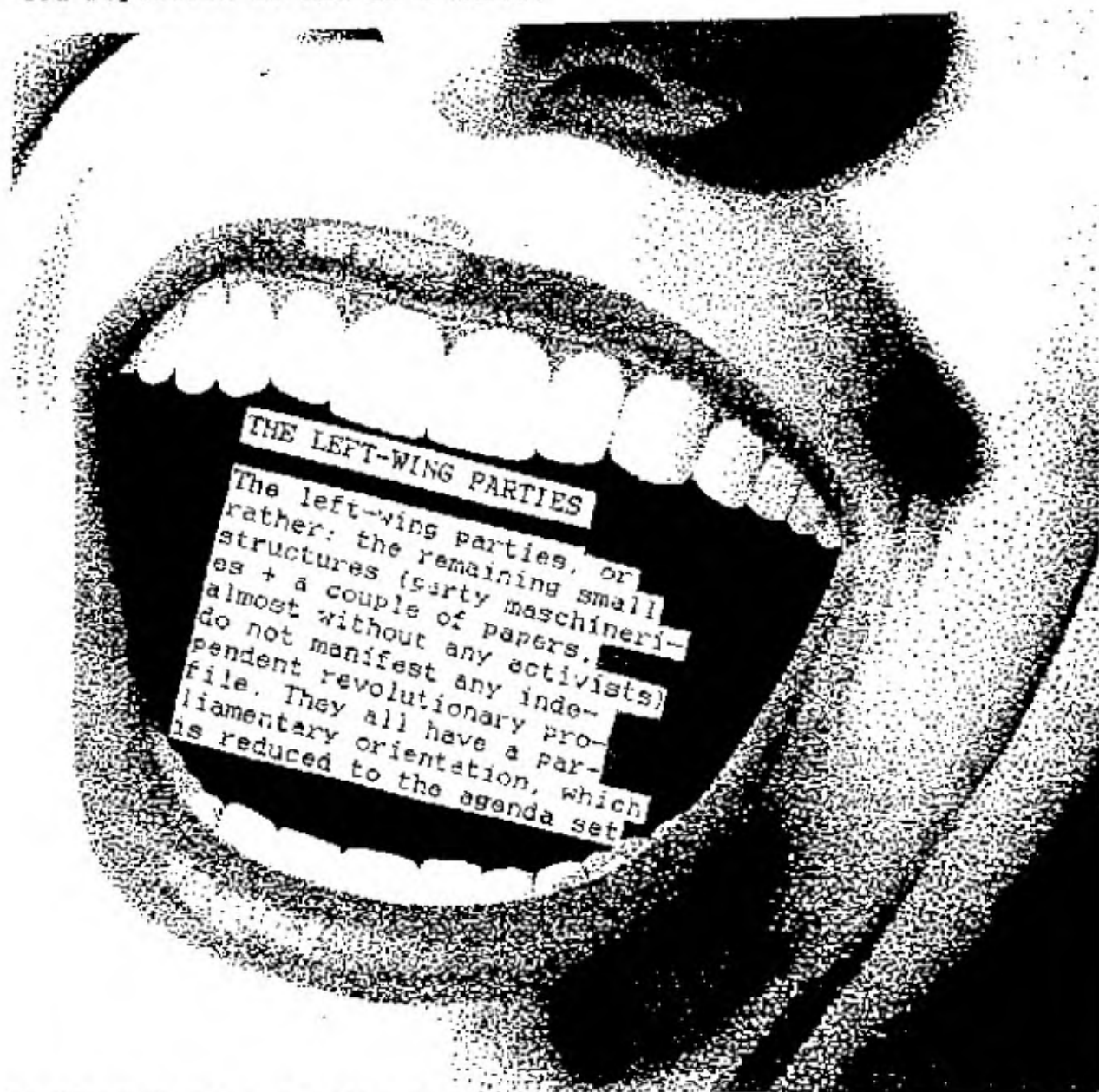
### NATIONALIST ORIENTATED CURRENTS

Further more there exist a number of anti-EEC committees, which have given up the fight against the EEC-project as such, and only oppose to the EEC-union treaty from nationalist or socialpolitical points of view - their arguments are: "we have to defend the high living and social standard of Denmark" etc. "Folkebevægelsen mod EF" (=The peoples movement against EEC) is probably the most important force in the EEC-opposition (4). Originally this movement was a classical DKP (=Danish Communist Party) dominated peoples front against the monopoly capital and with nationalist positions: including Danish national flag, Danish fields and woods and national songs ...).





In the meantime Folkebevægelsen has split into EEC supporters against the union and the originally more leftwing orientated rejection of EEC as a whole.



by the rulers : Instead of agitating and mobilizing for a NO based on a principal rejection of the whole EEC-project as the common imperialist project of the West-European capital, they concentrate only and selectively on a NO to the EEC-union... That is inside the narrow parliamentary concept!!

In this way the remaining left-wing differentiates only in well-informed circles from the nationalist, petit bourgeois anti-union spectrum.

(The left-wing means first of all a common umbrella-organization structure called "Enhedslisten" (=The Unity List), which consists of the rests of DKP (=Danish Communist Party), the left-socialists, 4th International Trotskyists in SAP (=Socialist Workers Party) and the ex-maoists in KAP (=Communist Workers Party) - and unorganized left-wing people. The main activity of this leftwing alliance is a narrow parliament orientated policy without basis orientated activities.)



## SABOTAGE THE EEC !

- a political evaluation of the EEC-project and strategic considerations concerning resistance perspectives.

From a group of autonome revolutionaries in DK.

We think that the discussion about the significance of the Edinburg-agreement starts a hare from what it really all is about: the political, economical, cultural and ideological importance of the EEC-project as such.

The EEC project cannot be reformed, because it is based on exploitation, oppression, racism, repression and patriarchal structures - and this is so seldom being discussed in the topical EEC-debate in Denmark.

## EEC COLONIALISM

### EEC IS A NEW IMPERIALIST PROJECT

A strengthened EEC-union will result in a strengthened exploitation of the poor countries in the so-called 3. world. A strengthened EEC power with a need for expansion will have dramatic consequences for these countries, and the line has already been laid: with the new Lomé-convention for the nineties the EEC forced the AKO-states (=the states in Africa, the Caribe and Oceania) to subdue to the structure adjustment programmes, which have been developed by the International Monetary Fond (IMF) and the Worldbank. These programmes mean among other things : opening of the markets for foreign concerns, privatising, reduction of social expenses, abolition of state subventions and brutal population policy programmes. This is the price the poor in the so-called 3. world have to pay for the capitalist "free trade" on the

worldmarket.

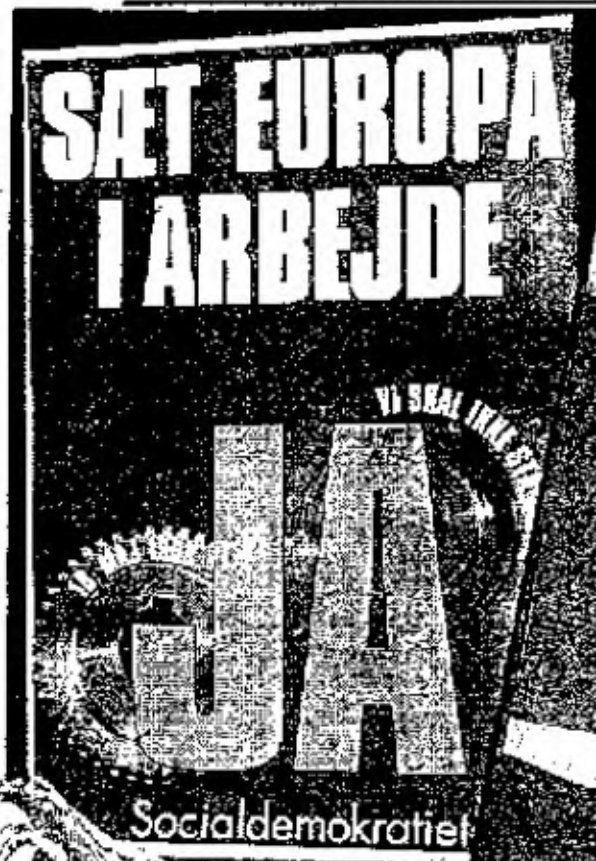
Every day 40.000 people die of hunger; 60 countries in the so-called 3 world are existentially threatend by increasing desert-formations and destruction of nature; 2/3 of the world population lack drinking water; and alone in Amazonas the rain-forest - the lung of the earth - is being cut down with 40 hectares pr. minute! A strengthened EEC-imperialism will only strengthen this exploitation and destruction.

As a result of the social political reduction programmes of IMF and Worldbank and of political and economical directives, and as a result of the hard rentability orientated dispositions of the transnational capital in the so-called 3. world - an enormous stream of refugees has been created. In the world today there are about 20 million refugees, who have been taken away their original basis of existence and have been driven away from their original living-sphere.



Poster no.1 : This is the first EEC-poster, which the Socialdemocracy made and printed. But afterwards it was rejected by the leadership of the party for being too "metal-heavy" and "concrete-like". The text on the poster is: "Set Europe to work. We shall not stand alone".

Poster no.1



Poster no.2

Poster no.2 : This is the new produced poster. It says: "Yes for Denmark's sake" surrounded by a wolf. Danish summer-land-escape. A bare emotional warmth shall make the people vote Yes.

During the recent years there has as a general tendency developed a situation characterized by spontaneous rebellions, riots and hungerrevolts in the poor countries of the so-called 3. world.

This rebellion- and resistance tendency will in the future form an important counterbalance to the exploitation war of the imperialists against the poor!

The totally important consequence of the imperialists's dissolution of original economic and social infra-structures in the so-called 3. world is a GLOBAL FLIGHT- AND MIGRATION STREAM of rootless and banished people, searching an in-

come, an existence security, a worthy possibility of survival. This global flight- and migration stream is absolutely a calculated effect of a transnational accumulation strategy, which takes advantage of destruction and capitalizing of social existence guarantees. It is in no way a reformable imperfection of the system in the global economic order, but the rational, misanthropic essence of market economy.

The answer of the rulers to the stream of refugees, which they have created, is an institutionalized refugee- and immigrant policy.



## \*EEC-RACISM

### THE SCHENGEN-AGREEMENT

The EEC-union means a coordinated and harmonized refugee- and immigrant policy. The institutionalized EEC-racism is among other places committed to writing in the Schengen-agreement, which forms the basis of the EEC refugee- and immigrant policy in the future. It was Westgermany, France, The Netherlands, Belgium and Luxemburg that met in the town Schengen in Luxemburg in 1985 and took the initiative to the coming common refugee- and immigrant policy.

The Schengen-agreement means a re-establishment of visa-compulsion for most non-European citizens. The agreement will give the police the right to pursue any person wanted by the police in the whole EEC-area. If a person is regarded as a "threat against the public order, the national security" etc. entry can be refused into all countries of the EEC. If an immigrant/refugee is expelled from one EEC-country it will automatically mean expulsion from the whole EEC.

This common EEC refugee- and immigrant policy does not - as some claim - mean a total stop of immigration. But it means a coordinated SELECTION of refugees and immigrants, who are allowed entry into the EEC on basis of a judgement of their qualifications, exploitative value and their adaptability and subordinatability.

With the Schengen-agreement, the "Fortress Europe" has created a magnificent weapon to select the immigrants. By harmonizing towards the most restrictive level the imperialist rulers of the EEC are eliminating all nationalstate, legal and cultural obstacles for a COMMON ATTACK on the refugee stream from the poor countries in the world.

## \*EEC PATRIARCHY

### THE HUGO-PROJECT

The EEC-union means a strengthening of the ruling patriarchal structures. An EEC-project with far-reaching consequences for women is the Hugo-project planned on generous lines. Hugo is a research-project concerning "Analysis of the humane genom".

The Hugo-project aims at a total survey of the human genes. And it is a European counterpart to similar US-american and Japanese programmes. The genetic knowledge the Hugo-project shall deliver to the scientists and to the rulers, will be used to register genes and diagnose them as early as possible, so that they can be treated or wiped out already in the embryonic stage.

This aim of surveillance, control and manipulation with the fertility of women is based on the eugenic perspectives of the rulers. Their aim is a population composition, which implies as less rebellion potential as possible, and functions as frictionless as possible in the efficiency- and achievement-orientated society. For women



it means a frontal attack against their right to self-determination over their bodies and the right to self-control over their own fertility.

## EEC-REPRESSION

### EUROPOL - EUROPE OF THE COPS

The EEC-union also means a harmonized and coordinated repression praxis towards movements and persons, which the rulers regard as dangerous to the ruling order.

At the Maastricht-conference in december 1991 green light was given for the foundation of a common police force - Europol - which soon, and as a result of pressure from specially Germany - will operate across national borders. The present police cooperation network TREVI will as a result of the EEC-union realize it selves as a harmonized and legal existing tool of repression in all EEC-countries. The increased surveillance, control and centralizing create changed and more difficult conditions for the resistance.

Because the EEC-union means a strengthening of the ruling order, which is based on imperialism, racism and patriarchal oppression and repression against the radical and revolutionary opposition, this project of the rulers must be sabotaged in all possible ways!

## THE RESISTANCE - SOME ALTERNATIVE PERSPECTIVES

The major part of the Danish EEC-resistance has demonstrated



**SABOTER  
EF-  
PROJEKTET!**

**STEM NEJ DEN 18. MÅJ  
FOR AT KASTE KRUS I  
MAGTHAVERNES MASKINERI!**

**AFVIS MAGTHAVERNES DAGSORDEN:  
ET NEJ TIL UNIONEN ER IKKE NOK!**

**LAD OS BEKÆMPE HELE EF-  
PROJEKTET SOM ER INTET ANDET END  
DE VESTEUEPØISKE  
KAPITALISTERS IMPERIALISTISKE  
SAMMENSLUTNING.**



**VORES ALTERNATIV:**  
LAD OS I FELLESSKAB  
KÆMPE FOR ET EUROPA  
UDEN UDBYTNING OG UNDER-  
TRYKKELSE. UDEN RACISME  
OG SEXISME. ET EUROPA SOM ER  
SOLIDARISK MED DE FATTIGE  
LÆNDE.

**SABOTER  
DEN HERSKENDE ORDEN!**



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either EEC system immanent reform efforts, or has worked for a DANISH secession of the EEC having a perspective of "protecting the Danish democracy", "the Danish culture", "the welfare state" or "the Nordic community". Both lines are a dead end. The EEC-system is NOT reformable, and the clichés about "the Danish democracy" and "the welfare state" are nationalist dead ends, that does not call the exploitation and oppression conditions in Denmark in question.

Of course we recommend to vote NO the 18. May. This we do solely to throw sand in the machinery of the rulers. In it self the election is not of big importance.

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The decisive thing, what really can change the situation, is that basisdemocratic riots and internationally coordinated resistance carry their points and shake the fundament of the power. In Western Europe such resistance tendencies can be found in: the anti-racist fight for open borders. Unconditional and without so-called multi-cultural assimilation models/coercive measures. It is a claim which in its consequence will mean a redistribution of the wealth, which the European rulers have accumulated by exploiting the people of Africa, Asia and Latinamerica. There is also revolutionary explosive force in the anti-fascist fight against the cooperation and the division of labour between the racists of the state machinery and the organized fascists and the terrorizing no-brains on the street. Also the international and radical feminist resistance against genetic and reproductive engineering, the resistance against social going down, marginalization and restructuring, yuppie- and commercial culture, against prison isolation and police repression are basis struggles, which could be able to shake and seriously attack the ruling order. Decisive is also the anti-imperialist resistance against the exploitation of the poor countries of the so-called third world. It is among other things the here mentioned resistance-

tendencies, which contain the possibility for change. It is by sabotaging the ruling order, that contours of human liberation and self-determination stand out. What is put on the agenda of the resistance today is an international coordination of these very different struggles and the development of common resistance campaigns.





# NOTES on Fasci

1. The new government coalition, which is lead by the Socialdemocracy and further more consists of 3 smaller bourgeois parties, is just a shifting of power between two big blocks. In reality nothing is changed. The new socialdemocratic dominated government carries on the bourgeois crisis-policy.

2. The Edinburg-agreement is the result of the so-called "National Compromise" made in Denmark between YES-parties and the biggest NO-party: Socialistisk Folkeparti (= Socialist Peoples Party). This agreement was passed by all parties in the Danish parliament (except the right-wing populist party: Fremskridts-partiet (=The Progress Party)) - and is called: "Denmark in Europe".

The proposal contained a number of reservations towards the Maastricht-treaty. Reservations were made towards: common currency, common defense policy and juridical cooperation.

The Edinburg-agreement means that the other EEC-countries accept Denmark's special standpoints to the Maastricht-treaty WITHOUT changing the treaty the least.

3. Socialistisk Folkeparti - SF (= Socialist Peoples Party) is a result of a fight between fractions in the DKP (=Danish Communist Party) in the 50ies, where SF broke with DKPs stalinist orientation. Today SF is a social-democratic political club without basis-activities but with a relatively strong representation in parliament and locally. SF gets about 12% of the votes, and that makes it the 3rd. biggest party in Denmark.

4. Folkebevægelsen mod EF (=People's movement against the EEC) has during the last years gone through major crises and divisions. Originally this movement could mobilize about 1/3 of all votes at an EEC-election. Today Folkebevægelsen shares its supporters with several other NO-committees like: Juni-bevægelsen (=June-movement), Nødvendigt Forum (=Necessary Forum) etc. None of these have an anti-capitalist orientation, the last mentioned is even a clear right-wing organisation.



Police attack and subsequent clearing of the "EEC-free-zone"-barricade

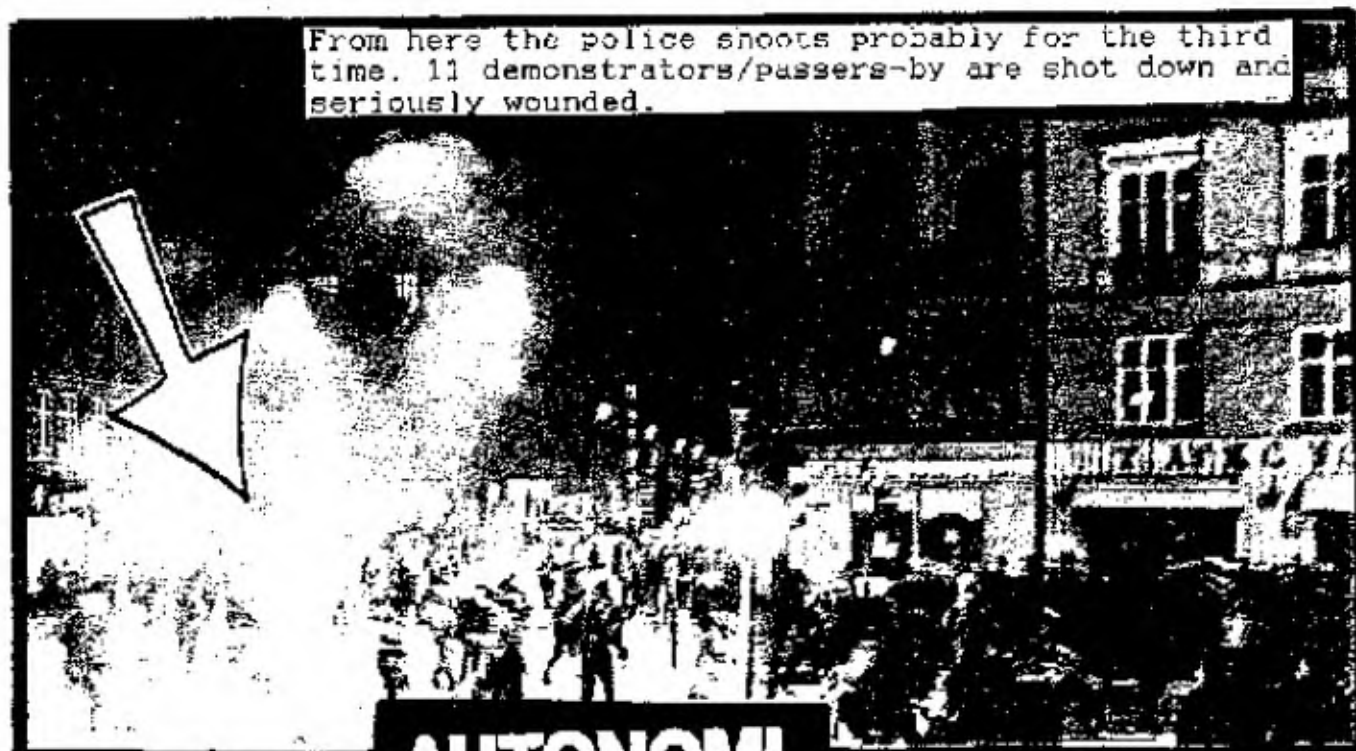
**18.5.93:** : THE MASSACRE ON EEC-UNION OPPONENTS  
 - WHEN WAR BROKE OUT IN NØRREBRO, THE  
 BIGGEST WORKING-CLASS AREA IN COPENHAGEN

After the rulers' parliamentary triumph of having forced through a narrow YES-majority (57% voted yes, 43% voted no) at the just ended second EEC-union election, it came to confrontations between EEC-union opponents and the cops.

HOW IT ALL BEGAN . . .

In the beginning it looked like a happening: barricades were built and symbolically Nørrebro was declared EEC-free zone. The cops reacted totally hysterical: with a massive force they brutally cleared the barricades.

From here the police shoots probably for the third time. 11 demonstrators/passers-by are shot down and seriously wounded.





... AND ESCALATED

Later it escalated in a massive and pitched confrontation between 300-400 EEC-union opponents, angry residents, militant revolutionaries and street-fighters on one side and the police machinery on the other side. The majority of the residents of the area adopted a rather indifferent attitude to the battle. (Although the majority of the residents of Vørrebro have absolutely no sympathy for the police, their attitude towards militant resistance is very contradictory). During the culmination of the confrontation the cops felt so "threatened" (1.) that they after some warning shots (which nobody heard!) immediately fired shots directly at the lines of the resistance: wildly and completely random! The result was 11 wounded people, hit by shots in shoulders, legs, knees, stomach, ... People trying to escape were hit. People who stood talking together suddenly fell to the ground! ... It is nothing but a miracle that the police massacre did not cost any dead!!



A wounded demonstrator, who was shot in his stomach, is carried away from the line of fire



The resistance





The cops in action



The cops in action

The last time the police have fired shots against a demonstration was in 1943 (!) during the people's strike against the German, fascist occupation of that time. The police was at that time as well as today mercenaries of the rulers. The battle on Nørrebro continued until the early morning.

#### THE REACTION OF THE POLITICIANS : UNQUALIFIED SUPPORT TO THE SHOOTING OF THE POLICE !

The politicians of the power were obviously irritated, that the riot on Nørrebro after the EEC-union election took the attention of the present world-press away from them to the benefit of the EEC-union opponents in action. Solely on the basis of police "information" about the confrontations they condemned with their usual phrases the resistance and gave the police direction their full support for the "shoot-to-kill" method. The ruling "royal" socialdemocrats as well as the bourgeois right opposition competed in giving the police machinery the biggest praise. All together 26 demonstrators were remanded in custody, to begin with for 13 days.



## SPOTS FROM DENMARK

The day after - the 19. May - there was a smaller solidarity demo in the quarter. It was also attacked by the police. Another 7 demonstrators were arrested.

### BROAD SOLIDARITY AGAINST THE REPRESSION MACHINERY

The 22. May 93 about 2.000 people from a broad left-wing spectrum (mostly without party membership, many young people) demonstrated in Copenhagen against the police massacre. The demo went to "Vestre Fængsel" (=Westside Prison), and demanded the immediate release of the imprisoned comrades. At this occasion a greeting was also given to Marc Rudin - a criminalized anti-imperialist from Switzerland (see article elsewhere in AUTONOMI).

Important now is to demand an impartial hearing about the measures of the police and in particular to demand the dismissal of all the cops, who fired shots at the demonstration. It is also important to analyse and investigate the ongoing political independency process of the Danish police machinery, which during the recent years has been practised in the police measures specially against oppositional, anti-capitalist, anti-imperialist activities.

**FIGHT POLICE REPRESSION - A PRACTICE OF COUNTER-INSURGENCY !  
REBELLION IS JUST !**

### INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY ACTIONS

In several cities there have been demos/attacks against the Danish consulates in protest against the police massacre the 18. May. We have got information about such demos/actions in Oslo, Stockholm, Berlin, Bern (?) and in the Netherland (see page 20!)

**REPRESSION IS THEIR WEAPON - SOLIDARITY OUR STRENGTH !**

Solidarity demo 22. May 1993 with about 2.000 participants demanding the release of the 35 imprisoned comrades and protesting against the shooting down of BEC-opponents.

NOTE : That the police felt threatened at the time they began to shoot is a lying claim. Several independent sources testify to the fact that the demonstrators were drawing away from the police lines, and that the police would have had no problems in withdrawing.



The text on the front banner:

"Gunpowder and bullets do not stop the fight against the Union"

# THE DAYS AFTER!



- An interim comment from some autonomes

Already now it is a fact that the police has acted completely chaotic, random and repressive. In their own "investigation" report it is obvious that they have manipulated with the real events. For example: The cops mention only 1 shooting episode, though some alternative TV-stations have documented that there were in fact 2 shooting-episodes. The cops fired shots twice - on different places, at different times. Nobody from the police can remember who gave the order to shoot ...

## SUBSEQUENT REACTIONS

As soon as the storm of the events abated, the rulers, the police and the medias took the initiative: they mobilized an army of sociologists and criminologists, politicians and known left-wing people, who all regard themselves as "experts" looking for useful explanation models and analyses concerning the militant conduct of the resistance. In other words: they are making a research which objectively shall contribute to an updating and improvement of the preventive counter-insurgency policy of the rulers.

## THE BOURGEOIS DEMOCRACY = A FORMALIST CASE

As the traditional left-wing began to react to the confrontations of the night the 18. May, a pattern was drawn, which has nothing to do with revolutionary positions: "Enhedslisten" (= The Unity List - a left-wing coalition of Left-socialists, the rests of the Danish Communist Party, 4.international trotskyists and an ex-maoist group) condemned the police massacre, but at the same time they distanced themselves from the "people throwing stones". Even worse and more ridiculous is their wawing with the Constitution (!) and their accusing the police and politicians for having broken their own laws ...

(Of course this can sometimes be used to show people that these laws in fact are nothing worth; the problem is that the traditional left-wing believe in the democratic legitimacy of the bourgeois Constitution!!!)

Other parts of the left-wing (far into militant circles) have several times compared the police's brutal escalation of the confrontation line with the situation in South Africa and Palestine (!?). Of course this is completely wrong. It harmlesses the extreme polarized situation in these countries, and it does not call the topical conditions here in question. (One of the speakers on the solidarity demo 22. May went so far as saying that a shooting down as it happened the 18. May in Copenhagen have not even been seen in El Salvador (!!!)). PURE NONSENS!

The fact is, that the bourgeois democratic societies in Western Europe / EEC since the second Worldwar continuously have developed a structure, which preventive on all areas of the society, at any time, is able to establish state-of-emergency-like situations, without breaking the bourgeois democratic parameter (This happened a couple of times in DK in the 80'ies)



## SPOTS FROM DENMARK

THE CAPITALIST/IMPERIALIST SYSTEM HAS NO ERRORS - IT IS THE ERROR!  
From a revolutionary perspective it is decisive to fight against the attacks of the repression machinery as an expression of the political basis of this society: to pacify all active and acting opposition, which can not be integrated in the institutionalized system immanent parameters. All attacks from the repression machinery must result in mobilizing and agitating against the system as a whole, by pointing out the connexion between what happened/happens and the function and class character of the bourgeois democracy. The struggle has just begun!

- RELEASE THE PRISONERS OF 18. MAY!
- DISMISS ALL COPS WHO TOOK PART IN / WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SHOOTING DOWN OF 11 EEC-UNION-OPPONENTS!
- SABOTAGE THE EEC-PROJECT!
- BUILT UP THE RESISTANCE IN THE QUARTERS, THE WORKING PLACES, THE REFUGEE CAMPS, THE PRISONS!

Some autonomes ★

WE HAVE RECEIVED FOLLOWING SOLIDARITY-GREETINGS AND 1 ACTION-STATEMENT:

"In the night between 21. and 22. May we have attacked the Danish consulate in Groningen (Netherlands) as a reaction to the shooting down of 11 people by the Danish police..."



In de nacht van 21 op 22 mei hebben wij het Deense consulaat in Groningen aangevallen als reactie op het neerschieten van 11 mensen door de Deense politie.  
De Deense bevolking heeft vorig jaar in een referendum laten zien tegen (51%) een verenigd Europa van het kapitaal te zijn. Deze beslissing van de Rijksoverheid paste niet in de strategie, het dienen van de economische belangen van de machthebbers, van het fort Europa. Een jaar later werd de Deense bevolking met een intensieve overheids campagne van propaganda en des-informatie, gedwongen tot een nieuw referendum. Ondanks dat kosten noch moeite gespaard werden koos 44% van de bevolking wegrom tegen dit Europa. Om hun woede te uiten over de definitieve toetreding tot de E.G. gingen vele duizenden Deenen de straat op. Protest tegen "het feest van Europa en zijn heersers" is onafgepast en daaren bloedig de kop in gedrukt. De marionetten van het groot-kapitaal hebben 11 mensen neergeschoten die nu zwaar gewond in het ziekenhuis liggen en vele anderen verwond die opkomen voor de rechten en wensen van het volk. Ook in Nederland wordt protest bloedig neergeslagen zoals het jeugerenprotest tegen de bewijningen. Het nieuwe Europa dat alleen de belangen van de multinationals dient tolereren kritische oppositie en laat zijn vres gezicht zien.

TEGEN HET EUROPA VAN HET KAPITAAL  
WAAR ONDERDRUKING EEN WAPEN IS WORDT VERZET EEN FLICHT!!!  
WIJ KOPEN VERDRIJ!!!

GERMANY:  
an die AUTONOMI:  
Gegen ein Europa der Bullen  
und Bonzen! Fur ein Europa  
der Revolution!  
Solidarische Grüsse aus  
NORDEN in Norddeutschland!  
Fur euch viel Kraft und Mut!  
FIGHT THE POWER!



GREECE :

Dear Comrades  
I send you the warmest greetings from Greece. All the comrades here were very glad to hear about the big anti-EEC riots at your country. I hope that all the comrades from your group are O.K. and that no one is arrested.  
"I NOMI KATARGUNTE STA ODOFRAGMATA"  
(THE LAWS ARE ABOLISHED ONLY AT THE BARRICADES)

Kostas



# CHRISTIANIA ON A CROSSROAD: Repression and resistance.



CHRISTIANIA 1993 :

THE POLICE TURNS CHRISTIANIA  
INTO A "WAR-ZONE".

Since september last year the police has escalated the hounding against hash dealers and hash-owners in the free-town Christiania. In fact the praxis of the police has developed into a state of emergency : random searches of houses in Christiania, arrests, baton-orgies, clearing the public houses of all furniture etc. - today are everyday events in Christiania.

The police action is an attempt to destabilize the situation and the atmosphere in Christiania in order to create general resignation

Christiania-activists pursue the police, dressed in police-like-uniforms with the text: "IDIOT" (= Idiocy) instead of "POLITI" (= Police).

among the inhabitants of Christiania. (About 800 people live in Christiania today). Such a situation could well be used to carry through the destruction of Christiania, which the local authority and the state have planned long time ago. Their concept is to change Christiania into a "normalized" recreation area for tourists and for the population of Copenhagen. (Read also the interview with two Christiania activists, published in Autonomi Newsletter no. 6-1991!).



But - untill now - the state power has NOT succeeded in carrying through this concept. For the people of Christiania have started a resistance of performances in the streets, info-campaigns, actions and solidarity feasts, which have overcome the internal divisions arised as a result of the permanent state policy of erosion and "divide and rule"-policy. The people of Christiania have manifested their capability of acting and resisting against the recent attacks from the state.

Here we bring a translation of Christianias own handbill in connexion to their week of action against the police attacks:

### OPEN LETTER TO THE DANISH POPULATION:

The free-town Christiania declares week 12 for an ACTION-WEEK in protest against the police occupation of the free town, and against their systematic neglect of such a basic thing as the public security of every citizen.

At the same time we feel that our "self-administration" is in danger; the self-administration, which in a time where most small communities in the country are dissolving, have made it possible for us to create a district with shops, small industry, institutions, service functions etc. This self-administration secures that every inhabitant of Christiania has a say in all decisions via house meetings, area meetings, economy meetings, common meetings etc.

Now our self-administration is in danger because of a wrong placing of an ecstasy remedy in the narcotics legislation.

There is only one way to a reasonable solution, a solution we can all be proud of, a solution that will

Their daily provocations, hundreds of humiliating body searches, searches of homes and establishments without warrants or witnesses, the closing down of legal public houses because of hash-smoking, armed patrolling day and night, brutal arrests etc. have made Christiania a ticking bomb.

The free-town has become a hostage between on one side a foolish law and on the other side 1/2 million Danish hash-smokers.

Lets once for all make it clear: NEITHER THE POLICE OR CHRISTIANIA CAN SOLVE THE PROBLEM PUSHER-STREET.

ONLY the politicians can do that - by de-criminalizing more ecstasy remedy, which Danish fellow citizens smoke/drink/eat - some of them every day, most of them just once in a while.



go into history as courageous and wise: DE-CRIMINALIZE the lump of smoke, LEGALIZE the home-raised pot and support the initiatives of Amsterdam to remove the hash from the illegal milieu. Where it is being traded parallel to drugs, weapons and prostitution.

OUR MOTTO IS :  
"ACTION GIVES CHANGE"

Love greetings from  
Free-town Christiania  
- spring 1993.

NOTE :

A group of rebels against the ruling housing- and consumption conditions occupied in september 1971 an old military area, which until today is 'owned' by the Ministry of Defense. The dreams and the ideas of the activists were many - the common denominator was to create a community, a free town based on collecti-

vity and optimal independence/ autonomy from the system. Since Christiania was created and until today it has lived through many ups and downs. Though it did not succeed in developing that social, cultural and economic autonomy, which the first generation dreamed of (We think this is not possible without a changed relative strength in the society in general in favour of the revolutionary forces. - Aut. News! - comment) - Christiania has obtained and kept to some extent an alternative way of living, which though not in total antagonism to the system, is a certain contrast to the parameter of the system: such as self-managing firms, social engagement, collectivity etc. Though this is only based on the initiatives from a minority of activists.

CHRISTIANIA - KEEP ON GOING STRONG !

SOLIDARITY WITH CHRISTIANIA !





## THE ARMED STRATEGY AND THE LEGAL LEFT-WING:

- Current evaluations from Autonomous Revolutionaries, an autonomous anti-imperialist connexion from Denmark.

### \* THE ARMED RESISTANCE - OBJECT OF GENERAL CONCEALMENT, DISINFORMATION AND SPECULATION.

After the Western secret services have gained access to the Eastern European files, they have started analysing and working out material about the different guerilla groups and movements, which directly or indirectly were in contact with the Eastern countries<sup>1</sup>. This is done to get more knowledge about the political platform, contacts, ways of organisation, logistic, etc. about the armed groups. The reason for this is firstly to get a more effective repression-machinery concerning the fight against the resistance and secondly to continue an already started effort from the rulers, with the help from the media, to establish a rewriting of the subversive struggle's history and its current political proceedings (with good help from the shrunken traditional left wing's press). In this way the armed and militant struggle is going to be pointed out and classified as "agencies" for the interests of the Eastern European secret services. As "Corrupt terrorists without political orientation, who isolated carried out their actions"<sup>2</sup>.

Independent of the ruler's false propaganda and suppression, and the parliament-orientated leftwings tragi-comic repression and fear of contact with "illegal" militant and armed revolutionary activities, was and is this resistance nevertheless a fact, which in periods has shaken the imperialist rulers. The armed movements have for decades carried out their activities in Western Europe and have in our opinion had a constructive effect on the occurrence of numerous social struggles in the society. The existence of the armed movements disrupt the proclamation of the "social peace" between the classes. It also compromises the so-called "democratic state of affairs" in the NATO-countries, and it exposes it as being nothing but a facade, an apparently untouchable power-structure, a capitalist dictatorship. And untouchable is precisely how the system wants to appear to the population. The armed resistance directly confronts the capitalist and imperialist system with its own contradictions and attacks all kinds of integration attempts. Because of this, the radical militant resistance and the armed struggle is a tabu.

Through smear campaigns and criminalization any real discussion about militant and armed resistance is attempted to be stopped. The existence of armed or militant resistance is in this manner being concealed or demonized by almost all the media including the media of the traditional system critical left wing.

\* THE ARMED STRUGGLES HISTORICAL AND CURRENT IMPORTANCE FOR AN ANTI-CAPITALIST REVOLUTIONARY PROCESS IN SOCIETY. THE WESTERN EUROPEAN EXAMPLE.

Since the (re)rise of the armed, anti-imperialist and social-revolutionary orientated resistance in Western Europe in the beginning of the 70'ties, the situation has severely changed in many society related areas. Exemplified by the anti-imperialist armed resistance in Germany - first of all represented by RAF



Jean Paul Satre was one of the few intellectuals, who opposed to the state's criminalization campaign against the left-wing



and the internationalist connexion in Revolutionären Zellen. The orientation of this resistance was to break free from the frame of West German policy and concrete to regard it self as a part of a long global front development. Its practical concept was to build up a new front in the metropolcs, in "the heart of the beast" (definition from Che Guevara), closely connected to the international anti-imperialist movements. The concept of the armed struggle was to develop its own and independent mobilizing forces, as a part of the resistance until the rise of social antagonistic forces on mass level were able to overcome an actual revolution of society. Most of the armed militant left wing groups and movements regarded this as the most realistic possibility to develop the liberation on a global level. When the US-imperialism and its NATO-allies are being attacked from many sides at the same time, it will result in a structural political and military weakening and a fase of destabilisation, which in the end will result in a break down of the frictionless inner order which is necessary for the bourgeois democracy.

In order to obtain an interaction between the liberation struggle in countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America and the class confrontations in the metropolcs, the war should be transferred to Western Europe, and from the inside attack the imperialist structures without compromise. First of all the NATO-institution and the economical and political leading structures of the capital management and state apparatus.

#### \* THE STRATEGICAL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE GUERILLA AND THE LEFT WING ORGANISATIONS

Even though the more serious parts of the Western European revolutionary left wing, in the end of the 60'ties and in the beginning of the 70'ties, had similar strategical political estimations, there was a decisive difference in the attitude towards militant actions. The clandestine action was mainly a tactical means amongst many other forms of struggle, and could like this be usefull in a campaign with a limited antagonism. For the urban guerilla, though, the militant and armed actions meant the way forward in a revolutionary direction, a practical test and demonstration of direct attacks against "untouchable" power structures and their legitimation (democratical varnish, bourgeois moral and legislation etc.)

#### \* THE OBJECTIVE LIMITATIONS IN WESTERN EUROPE IN THE 70'TIES AND 80'TIES

The battlefield of Western Europe, except from Euscadi and Northern Ireland, has not until today been comparable with the historical mass-basis of the guerilla in Cuba, Vietnam, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Palestine, the Phillipines etc. Even the similar anti-imperialist and social-revolutionary struggle experiences that MLN (the Tupamara movement in Uruguay) had in the end of the 60'ties, were based on much better conditions than the conditions of the armed connexions in Western Europe are confronting. The guerilla groups in the countries mentioned above were able to base their struggle on a large support amongst the population, even on an advanced level of the confrontation line. Even though the EEC, besides the USA and Japan (and the so-called Yen-area in Southeast Asia), is the most important bastion of the capitalist worldmarket and therefor an important startingpoint for revolutionary changes - it is currently only a minor part of the population that wants a radical

change of society. It is paradoxical to ascertain, that a part of the claims that people all over the world and on all historical levels have been willing to die for, to some extent, though in a deformed way, are carried out in the EEC countries and the realisation of the claims here is the basis of the catastrophal economic and social conditions and dictatorships many places in the poor countries.

**\*THE LEGAL LEFT WINGS DEVELOPMENT OF AN OPPOSITION LOYAL TO THE SYSTEM**

Despite the objective difficulties that the urban guerilla was (and are) confronted with here in Western Europe, there is also the problem with the objective alliance partner: the legal left-wing. The predominant part of the active basis was in no way geared to the unavoidable confrontation with the state. Parts of this left-wing escaped to institutional frames. They were distancing themselves from the armed actions and demanded the humiliating distancing-ritual from the rest of the legal left-wing. When it did not succeed they immediately demanded isolation and demarcation of those left-wing groups which refused to distance themselves from the armed struggle.

Very characteristic was (and are) the fact that some of the most enthusiastic resisters of the armed fighting groups, in a fatal way did (do) not have any knowledge about those they were criticizing. Usually their knowledge about the guerilla is based on, either absolutely antiquated, or undigested reproduction of the disinformation of the media. This is analog to the stateapparatus' international coordinated strategy of counter revolution.

**\*THE CRITICAL BUT JOINTLY LEFT-WING**

Another (though smaller) part of the legal left wing which refused to take part in the outstrip tried to make a critical solidarity and at the same time kept out of the state apparatus' criminalisation, which as a reflex turned against any non-





controlable left wing opposition. A part of this part of the leftwing was, because of the power balance from the mid 70'ties to the begining of the 80'ties, and the polarisation between the resistance and the state, criminalized or pressed into dissolution<sup>3</sup>. Other parts of this left wing were constantly ballancing on the edge of criminalization<sup>4</sup>.

\* **REPPRESSED BUT NOT DESTROYED**

Because of the indifference or direct lack of solidarity of the revolutionary left wing, for the guerilla Western Europe was a very narrow fighting area to act from. Though the state apparatus in most of the Western European countries never succeeded to destroy the urban guerilla<sup>5</sup>, the armed resistance groups got seriously blocked in the building up of a political and armed anti-imperialist front in Europe. In periods the gurilla was pressed back to a level of armed propaganda...It did not work out to create an armed revolutionary alternative, which dialectically would have been able to dissolve the line between the legal struggle and the urban guerilla, though it some places looks like it could have been developed to in this direction<sup>6</sup>.

\* **THE GUERILLA, THE BASIC DEMOCRATIC RESISTANCE AND THE AUTHENTIC PROCESSES OF EXPERIENCE AND DISCUSSION.**

The activities of the guerilla has on vital points contributed to spread basic democratic orientated movements - especially in Germany and the Euskadi, but also in Italy and the Netherlands - which will not accept the moral and legislation of the rulers. Firstly this is autonomous and anti-imperialist groups, anti-racist and anti-fascist movements, feminist and lesbian connexions, radical ecological movements, squatting-movements, where they still exists, etc.. This is of course also an interaction between the continuing existence of the guerilla - though as a whole weakened - and the experiences of autonomous resistance movements with the repression maschineries. The existence of the guerilla and the revolutionary prisoners in the prisons of the NATO-countries is also playing a role concerning the fact that the active, militant and legal resistance does not just shut out direct and clandestine attacks on the responsible/institutions of the system. In contradiction



to the rest of the almost totally integrated and passive traditional left wing, this basic democratic resistance is not willing to transform its activities into the parliamentary frames of the bourgeois. Practical, collective experiences with the state, crystallized a straight political rejection of a prospective non-confrontational transition to a basic democratic socialist society. The history and experiences of the armed guerilla fight and the armed/militant mass rebellion does not give any illusions of a voluntary resignation. A few times in the history of the resistance, the rulers have been too weak to defend themselves. But most times they have been ready to go to fascist or authoritarian structures of ruling or to military interventions in order to save the imperialist interests in every corner of the world. Everywhere it was possible the respective repressive arrangements have changed/are changing, but the imperialist mechanism of suppression continues to be the same in its basic structures. Any resistance with a revolutionary perspective will at some moment clash with the system. This confrontation, the classwar, is only possible to win with the total defeat of the rulers. For that it is absolutely necessary with the big practical experiences and clarification-processes from the guerilla movement as an integrated part of any serious resistance project.

\* **THE CURRENT DEBATE ABOUT THE ARMED STRUGGLE'S NEW ORIENTATION.**  
The restructuring process of the economical and social fundament in Western and Eastern Europe needs to destroy or integrate all militant basic orientated structures and structures of armed resistance. Only the elimination of all real opposition creates the fundament for the imperialist fusion in Europe. Under the leadership of the West German dominated capital, the political foundation is created on a parliamentary centered "free and democratic" legitimated basis. Without any revolutionary opposition. A development, which because of competition related reasons, will be followed up by a common new-defined aggressive imperialist policy, under the leadership of an enlarged and harmonized EEC.

\* **NEW TIMES, NEW STRUGGLES.**  
Today we are in the middle of an explosive process full of contradiction. Besides diffuse, ethnic and ideological related wars as E.g. in the former Yugoslavia and in big parts of the former Soviet Union, the existence of an enormous poverty and declassification in the heart of the imperialist countries will mean new cyclusses of classwar all over Europe. Especially in the Eastern European countries, that right now are being built up as the low wage production area of the EEC, resulting in big economical and social declassification. 50% of the population haven't got granted work and living conditions anymore as a result of this collective going down. This fact will without any doubt result in collective ways of resistance.

\* **A WEAKENED, BUT NOT DESTROYED GUERILLA STARTS A NEW POLITICAL PHASE OF STRUGGLES.**  
The counter rebellions history has untill today very clearly shown, that the EEC imperialist rulers have not succeeded, to destroy the armed and militant revolutionary struggle in Western Europe. Despite of the increased coordinated repression



machinery, the constant undermining of even the most conventional rights, it will also in the future not be possible for them to eliminate the resistance. Though leading EEC politicians make show of saying that the establishing of the inner market and the realisation of the Schengen-agreement<sup>7</sup> means that armed and militant groups will no more exist. Despite of RAFs current armistice, Brigatte Rosse's and Action Directe's stopping of armed actions, the militant radius of actions on an European level is still intact. The guerilla in Turkey/Kurdistan, Greece, Euscadi, Northern Ireland etc. is still intact. The armed groups in Germany - RAF and the different wings of the Revolutionary Cells - are together with autonomous, anti-fascist and anti-imperialist groups and movements starting together to find the ways to a new anti-capitalist offensive. This happens through open, jointly criticism work up of former experiences, closely connected to the discussion about perspectives for a new resistance movement.

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VENCEREMOS - AN AUTONOMOUS ANTI-IMPERIALIST CONNEXION - DENMARK. (SEPTEMBER 1992)

## NOTES:

★<sup>1</sup> was supported by or had diplomatic contact with these Countries, or that the respective Communistparties - that are loyal to the state - gave information to the secret services of Eastern Europe, for instance by informers.

★<sup>2</sup> For us as autonomous it is important to communicate authentic-material from the armed and clandestine leftwing groups, in order to contribute to create an authentic history and experience.

★<sup>3</sup> Potere Operaia, Lotta Continua, Autonomia Operaia in Italy, Proletarische Linke, Revolutionärer Kampf, Iranian and Palestinian connexions in Germany, Rote Jugend in the Netherlands, Gauche Proletariene in France.

★<sup>4</sup> E.g. the many autonome connexions, and organisations as Kommunistischen Bund in Westgermany, Herri Batasuna in Euskadi and Sinn Fein in Northern Ireland etc.

★<sup>5</sup> With the exception of Portugal: The Revolutionary Party of the Proletariat (PRP), Belgium: the struggling revolutionary cells (CCC), and to some extend France: Action Directe and Italy: the different fractions of Brigatte Rosse etc.

★<sup>6</sup> E.g. in Italy during the years '77-'80. Brigatte Rosse, which was the biggest guerilla-organisation among more than 100 armed groups in Italy, showed it self as a rudimentary tail of the creation of a revolutionary rising revolt with a big back up in the population. This was expressed in a broad and multitudinous fan of ways of action and with a big ability to mobilize, and the resistance was able to set the agenda for the politically unstable Italian society.

★<sup>7</sup> A common refugee and asylum-policy for all the EEC-countries, with the purpose to select refugees and immigrants exactly after the needs of the market and profitableness.

## INTRODUCTION

Marc Rudin is a Swiss citizen, the 14. October 1991 he was arrested in Istanbul. The Turkish police accused him for having crossed the border between Turkey and Syria with a false passport.



## CORRESPONDENCE WITH MARK RUDIN - AN ANTI-IMPERIALIST PRISONER.

The Danish police and "Justice"-machinery demanded the extradition of Marc Rudin because of an alleged connexion to the "Blekinge-gade case" (1).

The prosecution of the police has no evidence for this. For them groundless suppositions are sufficient, especially because Marc Rudin is known in his homeland as a political active anti-imperialist. The extradition of Marc Rudin has the function of a test-balloon in connection with the establishing of a new common police cooperation inside the EEC: Europol.

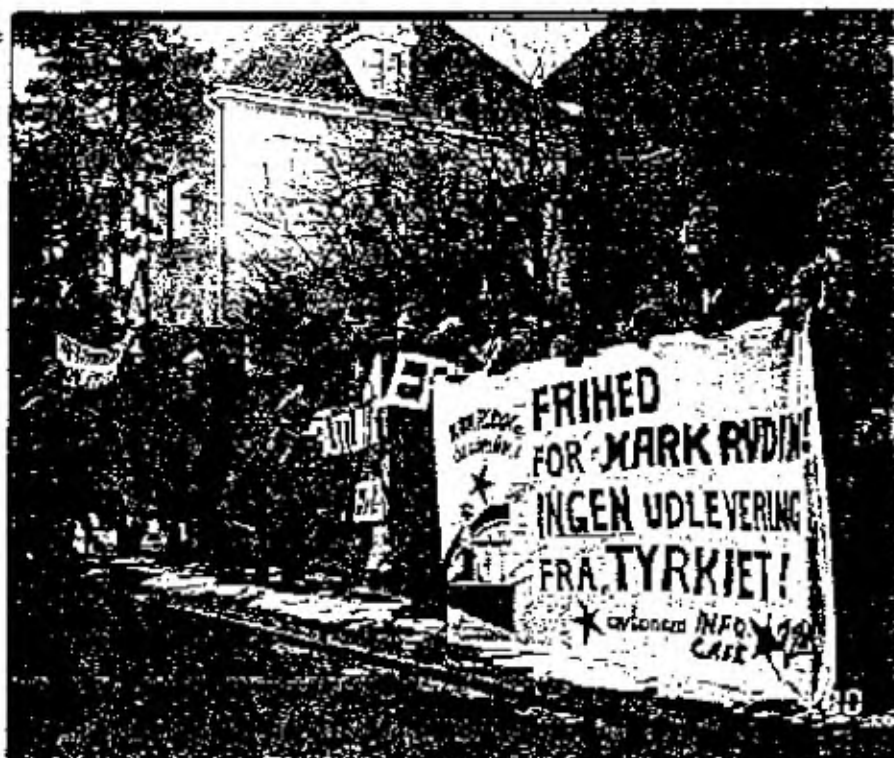
This new police-structure inside the EEC will in the future be leading in the police cooperation in the whole EEC dominated Europe. Europol will be fit out with the legal and organizational conditions, which give it the possibility of criminalizing all persons, who are suspected of being an active opposition to the policy of the capitalist rulers.

In the future Europol will operate across national borders, without any parliamentary control. The extradition of Marc Rudin is a concrete example of the constant expansion of the power of the police on a European level.

The surprising frictionless obligingness from Turkey towards the extradition demand from the "Danish department of Europol" must be seen in the light of the Turkish rulers' political wooing to the EEC.

FREEDOM FOR MARC RUDIN - a demonstration. Saturday 30.1.93.

Saturday 30.1.93 a group of anti-imperialists from different connexions demonstrated in front of the Turkish Embassy in Copenhagen to protest against the extradition of Marc Rudin from Turkey to Denmark. The demonstration was also a manifestation of solidarity with the resistance in Turkey and the liberation struggle in Kurdistan.

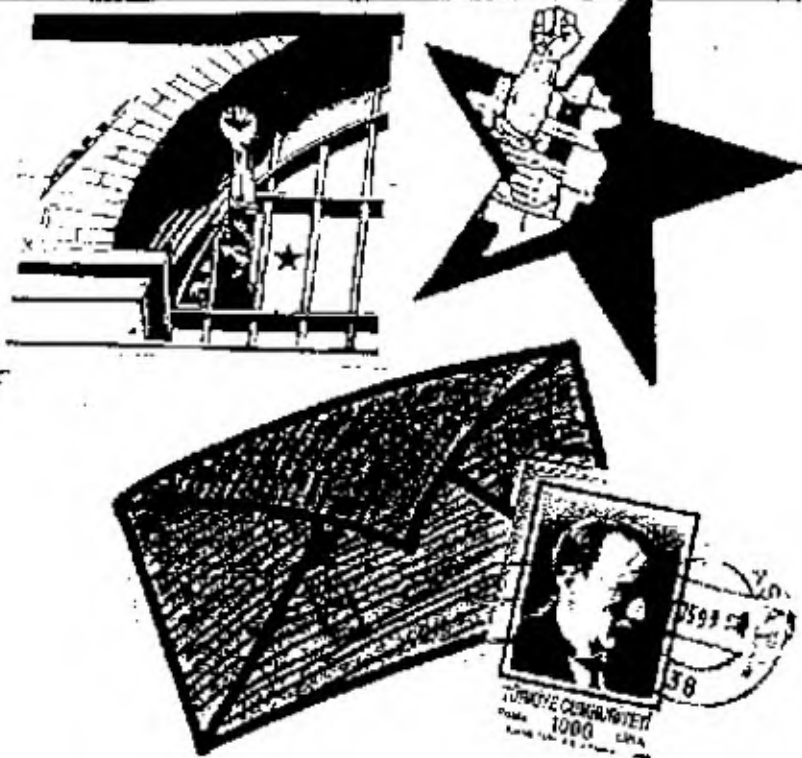




The text on the banners:

- 1). Freedom for Marn Rudin :  
No extradition from Turkey!
- 2). Freedom for all political  
prisoners !

The demonstration was arranged by revolutionary groups from the former info-cafe Zapata in Copenhagen.



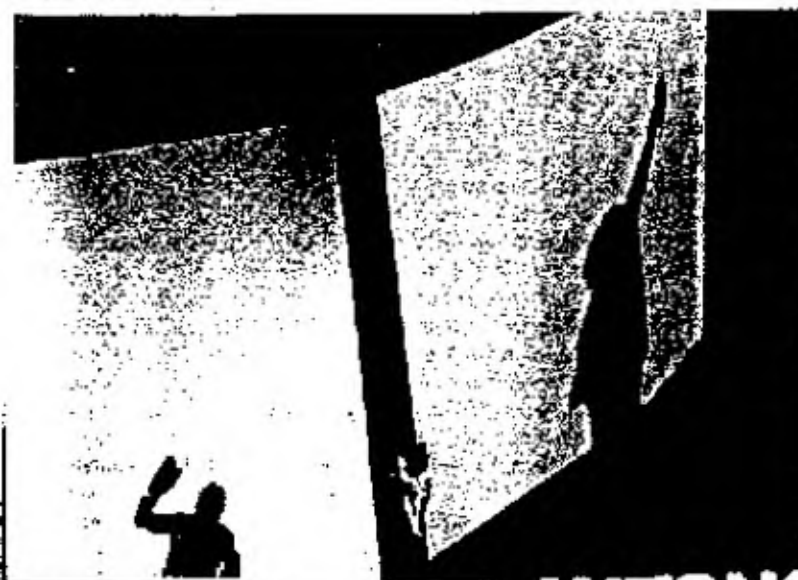
LETTER FROM MARC RUDIN :

Istanbul 18.3.1993.

Dear comrades!

1). The "Blekinge-gade case" is the indication for the persecution and repression against a group of ex-maoists in Copenhagen, who are now imprisoned 9-10 years each, for having robbed banks, posthouses etc. and given the haul to the Palestinian resistance.

It was really a surprise for me, when I received your letter today, the photo, the resolution and the Autonomi Newsletter no. 7. The money will follow, my lawyer told me. I thank you cordially. I was really surprised, that you even organized a demonstration and hereby also made clear the connexion of the partnership between the Danish and the Turkish government (Nato, Turkey's attempt to become a member of the EEC, and the repression machinery's surveillance of Turkish immigrants in Denmark). Concerning my extradition to Denmark, it is all VERY unclear, it is almost impossible to make a concrete judgement of this, because so many things depend on a "Kafka-like" bureaucracy.



A problem for me here is, that I am not recognized as a political prisoner, because in Turkey I am not accused of any political act but of possessing a false passport and for illegal crossing of a frontier. So here I am deliberately isolated from Turkish comrades and held away from them - surroundings that might be stimulating for me and for others. Probably the authorities here fear the explosive exchange of ideas, that may arise at such meetings between revolutionaries with the most different backgrounds, because this decision came from the "very top" - from the Ministry of Justice and not from the prison authority.

Of course my being together with "social" prisoners is also interesting and instructive, but in the long term also rather exhausting. The extremely bad infra-structure of the prison, which specially during summer is completely overcrowded, conduces to this. This is first of all a problem for long-term prisoners, because in this mess it is almost impossible to concentrate on reading or working with certain projects. What for a shorter time may seem amusing and entertaining and not without a picturesque touch, in the long term becomes a stress. Furthermore come the problems with vermins rats and a total insufficient medical treatment.

An ill prisoner first has to make an application on a doctor's call (to the director of the prison and written in Turkish, which is not always easy for foreigners in a foreigners block). At the rather rudimentary doctor's calls examinations are seldom made, instead medicine is just being prescribed. Whether a person who is seriously ill is transferred to the prison hospital is not decided on

the basis of the person's health condition, but it solely depends on a generous tip to the doctor. If you have no money, you just can't afford getting seriously ill. The food has no vitamins at all. No fresh vegetables, no fruit. This can be bought from prisoners for totally exorbitant prices. This results in a totally corrupt situation among social prisoners. In this way small thieves or drug-addicts without means become totally dependent on rich mafiosi big-dealers or pimps, who are provided with the necessary money from their current business outside. In this way an internal dependence- and exploitation system arises. During the relative harsh winter in Istanbul (these two last winters it snowed untill March) the heating often does not function, or is insufficient. We also have to fight against water penetrating from outside, because the prison simply is not built waterproof. Uncontrolled visits of lawyers do not exist. Visits of lawyers always take place in the presence of several guards. The lawyer is separated from his/her client by bars, which make a serious study of docu-





ments difficult and does not permit discretion for the defense. Furthermore comes the time pressure towards visits of lawyers, which is a problem in connexion with visits of lawyers from other countries (in my case from CH and DK). The visit time is limited by the director and there is a big syllabus to work through - because these visits are not everyday events.

All these facts are not surprising, considering that in Turkey violent torture still takes place in the interrogation-centres. This is common knowledge, and for this reason I will spare you of details. Also the courts are a pure farce, if you do not have money you have no chance for a proper defense, which first of all is a true problem for "social prisoners" without means.

Well, I will stop here so that this letter will go away tomorrow morning at roll-call, the last opportunity before the weekend.

Warmest thanks for your true solidarity and internationality - Warm revolutionary greetings from  
MARC RUDIN.



Copenhagen 11.4.93

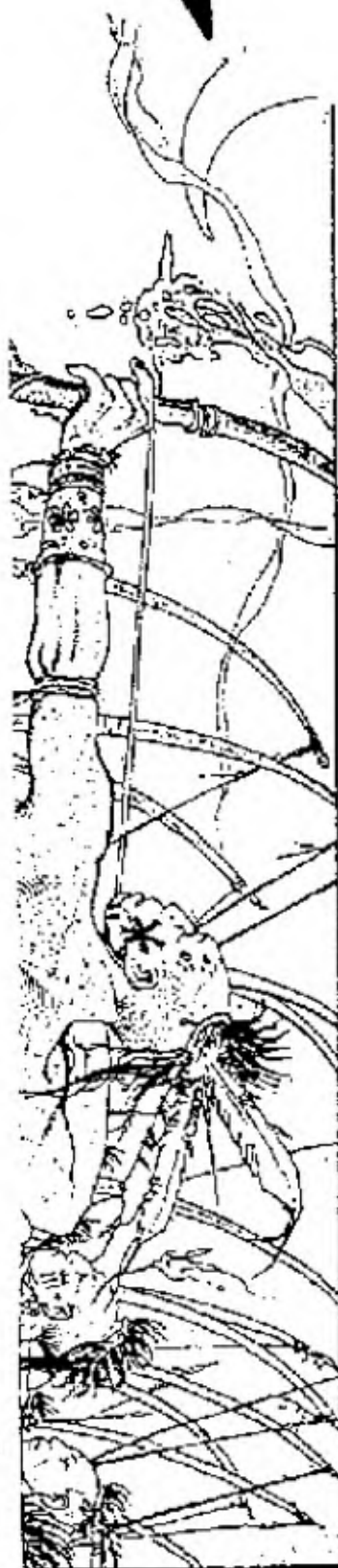
Dear comrade Marc!

We send you our warmest anti-imperialist greetings from Denmark.

We were very glad to receive your letter, and we hope you are well and that you do not let yourself suppress by the local machinery of power and by the prison conditions that you described.

Forgive us that we did not write you sooner, but in the recent time we have had exceptional many political projects and problems which we had to deal with and clarify. After 3 years now we have just closed down our info-shop - because the participation of left-wing people from outside the small active autonome structures was too small. (The left-wing in Denmark is in fact not existent any longer... The minimal rest is totally institutionalized and has no political or practical profile) See also the statement enclosed.

Of course we have a lot of questions to you, but we are not certain whether it is wise to bring up questions that might be used against you in this mail, that without doubt is carefully controlled. Therefore we will let it be up to you to decide the political definition and purpose of a political correspondence between us.



If you would like to and if you find it interesting, you could write an article about your topical situation, and that as an answer to the smear-campaign and repression against you. On condition that it is also important for you - of course. Such an article (or maybe self-interview) we could try to pass on the Danish public, or under all circumstances bring it in our own publication and furthermore pass it on to other autonome magazines like Radikal or Angehörigen Info. What do you think about that? We also send you something to read (Radikal + an older issue of our English Autonomi Newsletter with relevant infos + a coloured poster, so that you can stand up against the prison-reality - also visually!

We hope you will receive all this without difficulties. By the way have you received the money we have sent to you? Please write us if you need anything, and we will see to it.

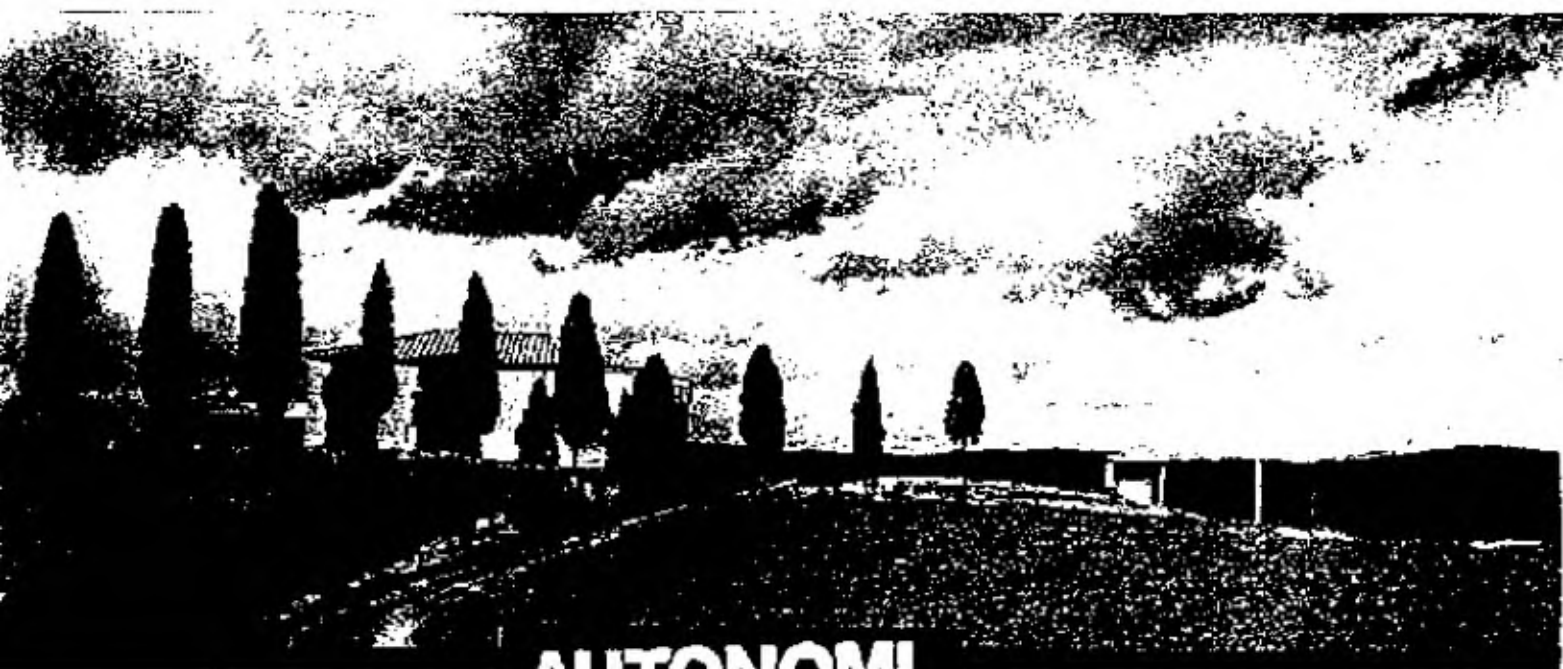
So, dear comrade - till next time we wish you all the best and full power!  
Your comrades from Copenhagen.

CIAC! NO PASARAN!



The 28. April 93 Marc Rudin was extradited from Turkey to Denmark. The day after, the 29. April 93, preliminary examination took place. Some activists from "Autonomi" were also present in court that day. We came to show Marc that he is not surrounded ONLY by enemies, he also has comrades in Denmark, and to manifest in the publicity anti-imperialist solidarity with Marc Rudin, who is being demonized as the big "terrorist" in the press.

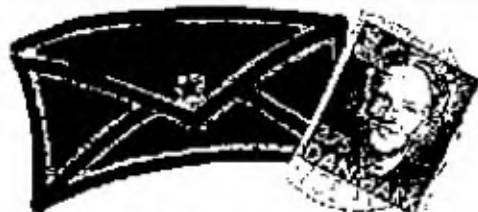
When we began to talk to Marc in court, the cops acted hysterically and lead us out of the court-room. After having identified ourselves we were allowed to enter the court-room again, and the judge forbid us to talk to Marc. We did not observe this in-





struction and so we were thrown out again. On the way out we shouted with clenched fists: "Marc we will write to you!" and "Red Front!" Marc smiled, and from his face we could tell, that our solidarity manifestation encouraged him.

Outside the press and TV almost fell on us and chased us down the street. We let them make an interview with us, but it was never made public - apparently because it was not to their advantage. Instead the press made a smear campaign and proclaimed us "the Danish friends of the terrorist".



Copenhagen 29. April 93

Dear Marc !

Welcome to Copenhagen... Well, the prisons of this world are so damned alike, that the special conditions of the different regions only express themselves negatively...

We hope you are well, the situation considered. We will keep on writing you, sending infos etc. But we don't know how intensive the censorship is, but this we will experience in praxis.

During some time we have developed a counter-information campaign aimed at the Danish publicity, and this we will continue. So, dear comrade, you are not ONLY surrounded by enemies. Some of us were



also present in court today, you know who. We hope that you have received our second letter or rather package with magazines etc. in time in Istanbul.

The self-made interview for Autonomi, which we have mentioned in this letter we better let be, till the situation here is more clarified, okay?

So dear Marc, hold your head high - or as Ernst Bloch so well expressed it: "PRINZIP HOFFNUNG!"

Ciao - till next letter. The editorial collective of Autonomi.



Copenhagen 7. May 93

Dear comrades!

Thanks a lot for your letter from 29.4.93.

So, at the process I also came to know you face to face. It all filled me with warmth and power, internationality, that is to feel at home in struggle anywhere you land, getting to know

comrades, to fight right there where you are -- with the means available at the moment. The most different experiences from different struggles and situations, of which a coming together results in a certain mental explosive mixture, which oppose to the routine and erosion.

First some practical things about how we can write each other: I am not allowed to write anything about the case why I am accused or about my surroundings here in prison, so please no questions concerning these matters, so that our correspondence can get through as smooth as possible.

Besides smaller health problems, I am quite well. But of course I first have to get used to being here, for it was a rather abrupt change of situation, from the noisy, totally overcrowded prison in Istanbul, where the elementary sanitary installations lacked, and no private sphere made it impossible to work concentrated, to the quite opposite: the well-organized "silence" 24 hours a day.

The departure from Istanbul was totally hasty and caotic. Until the very last moment I did not know anything about my extradition. A prison-guard came into my cell and shouted: "Come on, come on, pack your things, you are leaving!" They gave me less than 1/2 hour to pack my things and to say goodbye to my fellow prisoners. In the very last minute, when I already had handcuffs on for transportation, a guard brought the letter, that is the package, you have sent me. But unfortunately it was not possible for me to open it, it was put to my things in the travel bag. When I arrived in Copenhagen all my things were taken away from me, and till now I have

not got them back again. Among these things was also the package from you.

I am provided with newspapers: for more than one year I have subscribed to a daily and a weekly newspaper from Switzerland. It all has been redirected and is now reaching me here too.

I nearly forgot, I also received the photo with your letter, and that made me very glad. Now it decorates my cell.

In general I am well, and because of your sincere care I feel, as you correctly see it, though surrounded by strangers not only in enemy-land.

Thanks for all you are doing for me.

Kindest regards and embrace.  
Marc.

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## GERMANY

# THE RAF-ATTACK AGAINST THE NEWLY CONSTRUCTED PRISON IN WEITERSTADT,

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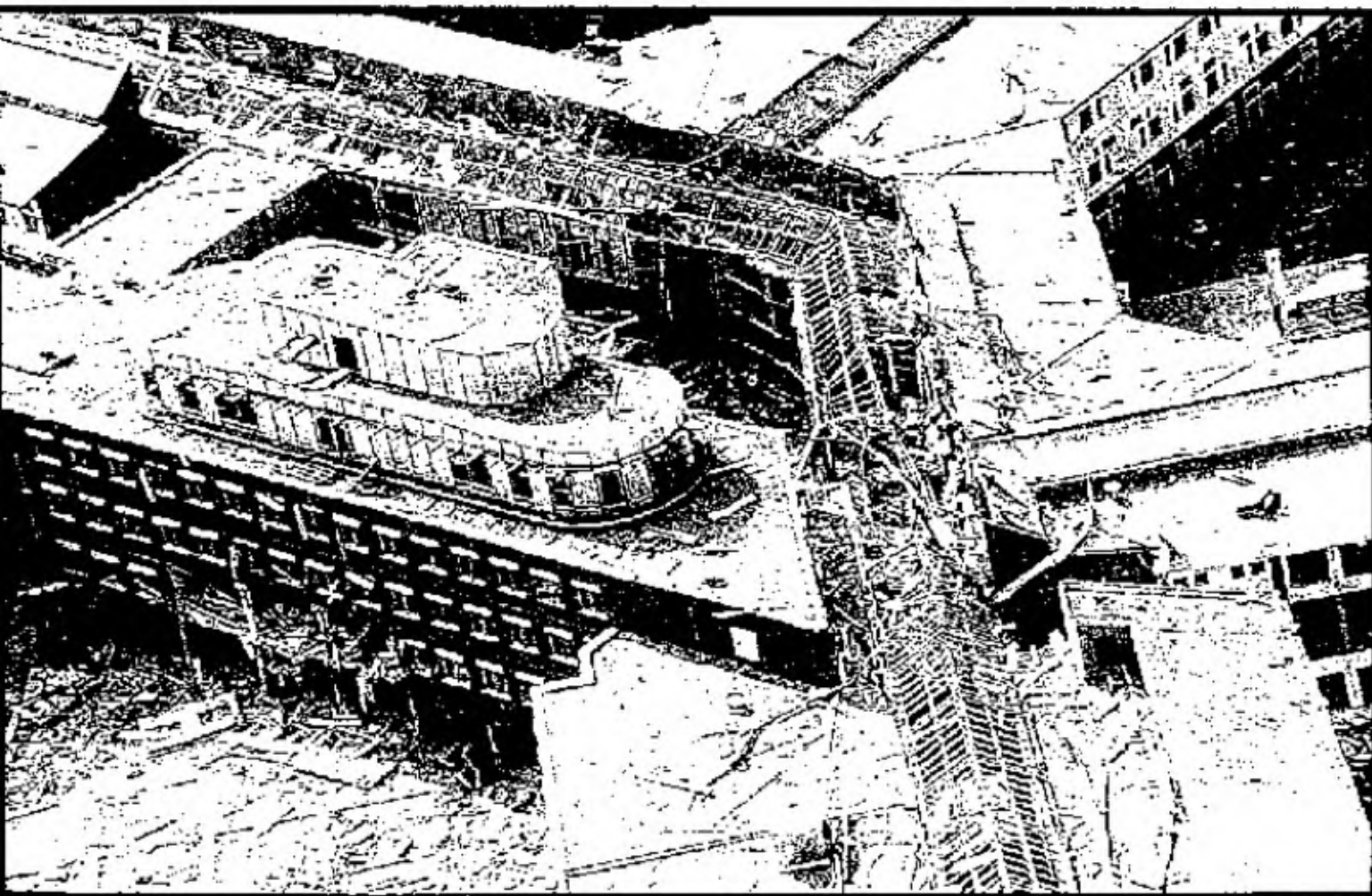
### RAF-ATTACK AGAINST HIGH-SECURITY PRISON

The guerilla group Rote  
Arme Fraktion - RAF -  
carried through a success-  
ful attack against the just  
finished construction of a  
high-security prison at the  
town Weiterstadt in South-  
Hesse / Germany.



### THE ACTION ...

About 1.30 at night an armed  
commando forced - by means of  
ladders and a rope-ladder  
brought along - the 6.5 meter  
high wall surrounding the just  
finished construction of the  
high-security prison Weiter-  
stadt. During the following  
minutes the comrades pacified  
the 11 attendants, tied them up,  
carried them out to a VW-bus





parked ready for this and drove them out to a wood nearby. Meanwhile other comrades of the commando precisely place the explosives : several smaller ones in the central prison buildings with all computer-equipment and technological apparatus, and one big explosive inside a car in front of the administration building. All together about 200 kg explosives

To prevent and preclude all dangers for eventual accidental passers-by, the RAF-commando put up several cardboard signs around the 6 km long wall around the prison-complex to warn about the imminent explosion. (A political-organisational characteristic, which suggests the legendary actions of the guerilla group Tupamaros in Uruguay in the beginning of the 70'ies). The following explosion destroys almost all technological equipment, damages the bearing steel-constructions and smashes several building-complexes.

The extent of the material damages is estimated at 100 million DM : ( 400 million D.kr). Representatives of the state think it will take about 6 years to rebuild the prison at Weiterstadt. (If their plans are not being disturbed again. ha ha ha ...)

... THE AIM

With this action RAF achieved an immediate perceptible stroke against one important column of the ruler's crisis-policy : the extension of the repression machinery, including the prisons, which "flagship" the superprison in Weiterstadt was supposed to be. Contrary to the bourgeois media's desinformation campaign, which in the wake of the RAF-attack expounded the Weiterstadt prison as a "human experiment", the prison was in fact

constructed for the purpose of a complex differentiation of the prisoners (adjustment and subordination, separation, destruction). This includes a perfect control system, an isolation block for women and various psychological and psychiatric research fields to survey the reaction patterns of the prisoners.

Besides, long time before the RAF-attack, autonomes and other grassroots in the region around Weiterstadt had developed div. activities against the prison-construction. There had been a number of smaller attacks against the building and a well-founded analysis of the role and function of this prison-

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• FOR SAMMENLÆGNINGEN AF DE POLITISKE OG/ELLER KÆMPENDE FANGER I FANGEKOLLEKTIVER



En politisk aktion af RAF-kommandoen, som d. 27. 3. 1978, sprengte delvis af den betongulv i den centrale fangekolektive og som følge heraf blev der skabt et hul i gulvet i fangekolektivet.



Denne tegning er et typisk eksempel på, hvordan staten søger at kontrollere og undertrykke modstanden og i sidste ende at fange og fange fangerne. (1)

RAF, d. 27.3.93

*Læs den alternative presse !*

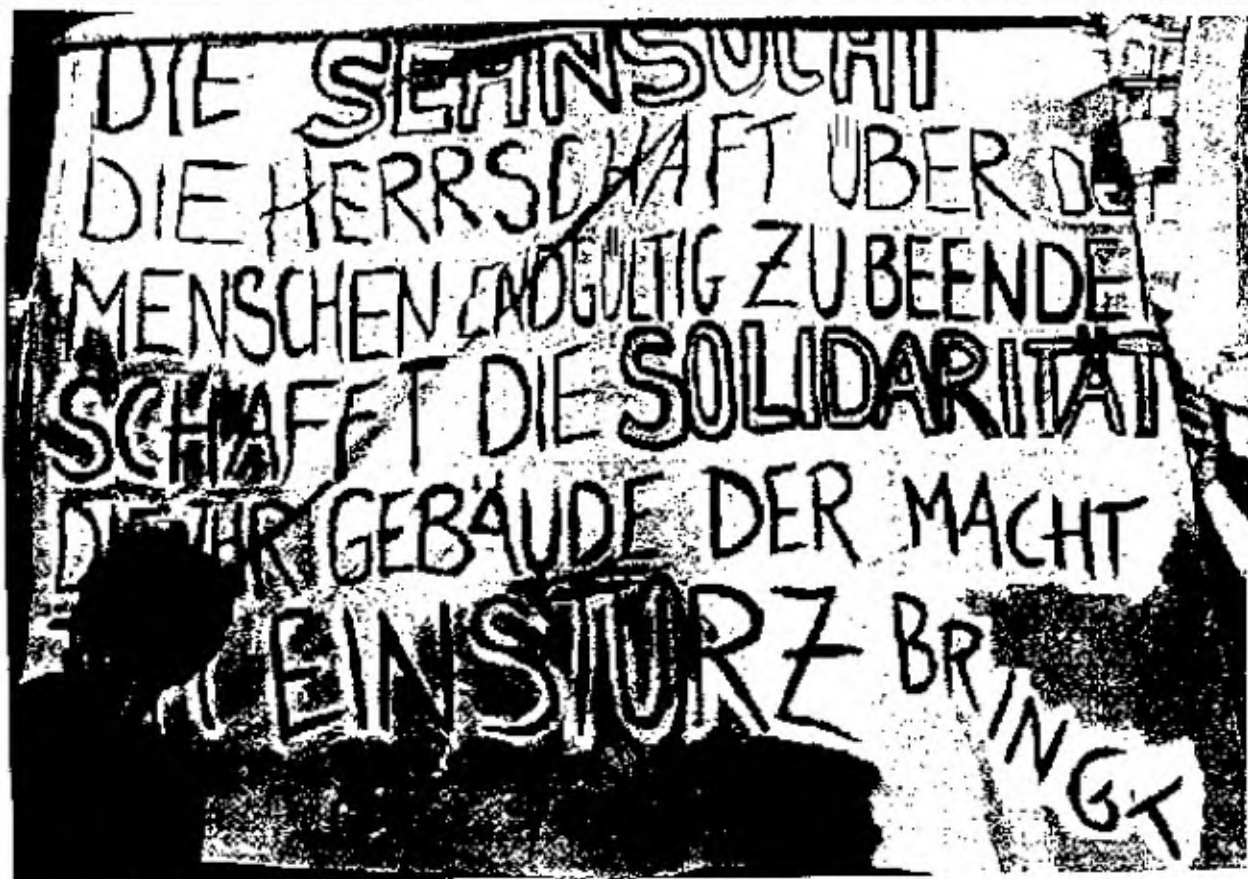
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complex has been published : "Weiterstadt : Der high-tech Knast" made by Dunte Hilfe Darmstadt. (see also the advertisement for this documentation).

With this action RAF illustrated their re-orientation : by connecting their action to an existing basis-resistance in the region, and at the same time expressing a superior critic against the repressive crisis policy of the rulers..

#### ...AND THE BACKGROUND

With the Weiterstadt-action RAF reacts against the government's deliberate erosion of the "reconciliation course", it propagandated last spring. The government had signalized a going away from the up to now existing destruction-praxis towards the revolutionary prisoners from RAF and the anti-imperialist and socialrevolutionary resistance. The so-called "Kinkel-initiative" (Kinkel was

the former Minister of Justice, today he is Foreign Minister of Germany - belongs to the small liberal government coalition party FDP) - which today formally is being represented by the liberal Minister of Justice Leutheusser-Schnarrenberger, has appeared to be a state and government propaganda-show. Instead of the promised relaxation- and release process for the revolutionary prisoners, these prisoners are confronted with various differentiated attitudes from the authorities: All are interrogated about their topical political positions ; some are demanded psychiatric treatment as a condition for their evt. release ; quite a few the authorities have tried to force to "repent" , to make a distance to the strategy of armed struggle and to the armed struggle's history / their own history ; several imprisoned comrades have got new sentences and/or new processes are on their way. Last year Christian Klar got his third "imprisonment for life" sentence. And new processes



are coming against Adelheid Schultz (she is already sentenced to "imprisonment for life" twice) and against Brigitte Mohnhaupt (she is already sentenced to "imprisonment for life" 5 times + 15 years) and against Helmut Pohl, Ingrid Jakobsmeier, Siglinde Hofmann, Eva Hauke and Rolf Clemens Wagner. Only 3 have been released because for their serious illness - caused by the barbarian prison conditions. Many of the RAF prisoners have been imprisoned for more than 15 years - several in totalisolation, alone or in a very small group. Formally they have a right to be released on parole. The government's "intention of reconciliation" has appeared to be a simple division manoeuvre, which shall smash the prisoner's united resistance during 22 years (this resis-

tance also includes 10 hungerstrikes). But the rulers have NOT succeeded. The mutual solidarity of the revolutionary prisoners is still unbroken. The action of RAF clearly manifests their position towards the state's continuing search-and-destroy policy towards the imprisoned comrades. the choice is NOT : repent be burried alive! The whole German and international left-wing must make the revolutionary prisoner's fight and demands to their own.

REPRESSION IS THE WEAPON OF THE RULERS !

SOLIDARITY IS OUR STRENGTH !



## WEITERSTADT

### DER HIGH TECH KNAST



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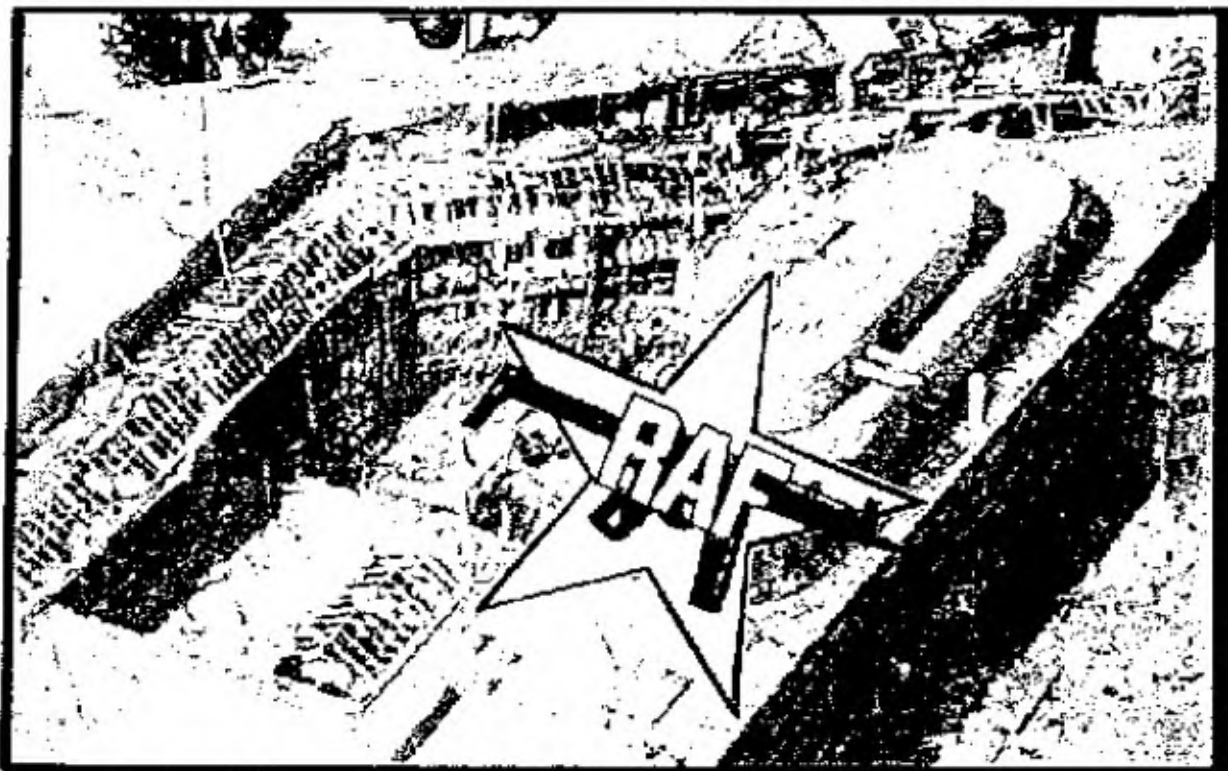
NEUAUFLAGE 1993: Die hier erscheinende dritte Auflage gewinnt wieder an Aktualität, insbesondere dadurch, daß das Knastprojekt nach seiner Zerstörung in den Medien als humaner Strafvollzug gelobt wird. Hiergegen stehen die Erfahrungen in den Vollzugsanstalten Zentrifugen und Berlin-Plötzensee. In beiden wird der Wohngruppenvollzug praktiziert, die eine unter Anwendung psychologischer und sozialwissenschaftlicher Erfahrungen zusammengestellte "Wohngruppe" zum Vollzugsinstrument macht. Sie dient der Beugung des Gefangenen bis hin zur Zerstörung seiner persönlichen Identität.

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Concerning the RAF's attack on the Weiterstadt Prison



» Nothing has changed since the step we took in our history, a step which we needed and wanted to take. We are busy with a new process in which a social counter-power from below can develop, and from which can come new proposals for a revolutionary process of change. This requires a discussion in which various people can find new foundations and common criteria for this process. This is about building up a social counter-power which can be a relevant force in a new international struggle for changing the destructive relationships of capitalism. Thus, we have to fully understand both the international situation as well as the changed reality within our own society, and this process must also "brush off all the old ideas (of the left)...", because only through a very deep discussion can we come upon a proposal for how to change the ruling relationships in a revolutionary manner. Only out of this process can the questions regarding what forms of struggle and concrete organizing are necessary be answered.

For us, this process, now as before, has the highest priority. The necessity is obvious to us each moment as we observe the continuing destructive development of the capitalist system before our eyes. This system, for a long time now, has been responsible for marginalization, for the material and social misery and death of millions of people in the Three Continents. Today, the fundamental crisis within this system has reached a point where the destruction of living conditions within the metropolises can no longer be avoided, and material and social misery has become a reality for more and more people here, and many people realize that this system's perspective can only mean hopelessness for them. Given this situation, the lack of any decent alternative as a social power has had catastrophic consequences. While the state protects and advances the expansion





# RED ARMY FRACTION COMMUNIQUE

and escalation of fascist and racist mobilizations within the society and, for example, continues its hate-campaign against refugees, a great number of now-visible contradictions have been channelled in a reactionary direction because our side has been hampered by isolation and disorganization.

Last August, we wrote a paper in which we reflected upon our history and at the same time sketched out criteria and interests for the future; thoughts which had developed out of our discussions from the past few years. These thoughts are the starting-points for the discussion we'd like to initiate. Naturally, new questions and interests have arisen. Although our paper did not create much resonance, we would like to develop the discussion both wider and deeper.

Parts of the women's movement criticized us for not involving ourselves more in their discussions, and the same applies to the discussion of racism. And also from certain monumental events, for example those in Rostock, it has become crucial for us to carry out this discussion more diligently. Although even before the sharpening of living conditions here and before the failure of the left as a political force and the lack of perspective in so many people, the road was left open for the rise of the fascists, on the other hand it's also clear that the roots lie deeper as to why, even here in the metropolises, in the new Great Germany, disappointment has gotten channelled to such a degree against foreigners. Everyone needs to examine this closely. As one man from Mozambique said: "In our country, people are poor, but that doesn't mean they turn around and hit the people lower than themselves." The discussion of racism has to be a significant part of the build-up of the counter-power from below, and it's something which can't stay stuck in a ghetto or

as something to be pushed off onto others, but rather it has to be a question of personal consciousness, of how each individual views and wants social change.

The Autonomie-L.U.P.U.S. group has critiqued the mistakes made in the past in their book "The History of Racism and the Boat". They write: "so obvious, and yet it seems today that the revolutionary left of the last 20 years overlooked these obvious racism, the striving for 'specific German' characteristics... That which has become impossible in leftist discussions of patriarchal conditions seems to be no big deal when it comes to the question of German-ness: we don't have anything to do with it."

The chances are great to do something different today and to discover something new: the question of the building of a counter-power from below is not exclusively a question for white, German leftists, but rather a question of how people living here can organize in common. And the population here is comprised of people of different nationalities and skin colors.

"...the dialogue with black women need not take place in some far-off land, but rather would be much easier and more intense if carried out with women who live here in Germany. The history of migrants and their knowledge from their nations of origin is just as important for the understanding of internationalist associations as their political opinions and their experiences with the racism and sexism which they experience here are important for the understanding of German society..."

(from "Basta", Woman Against Colonialism)

"...it was the 68 movement which took back that which fascism had chased down and destroyed in Judaism and brought the left and its culture, worth, and continuity back to life and justified these in West Germany. And if today there is a revival of fascism, then it will spread itself in the political-cultural vacuum which the left has abandoned through its retreat from social responsibility and the new proposal of values and attitudes."

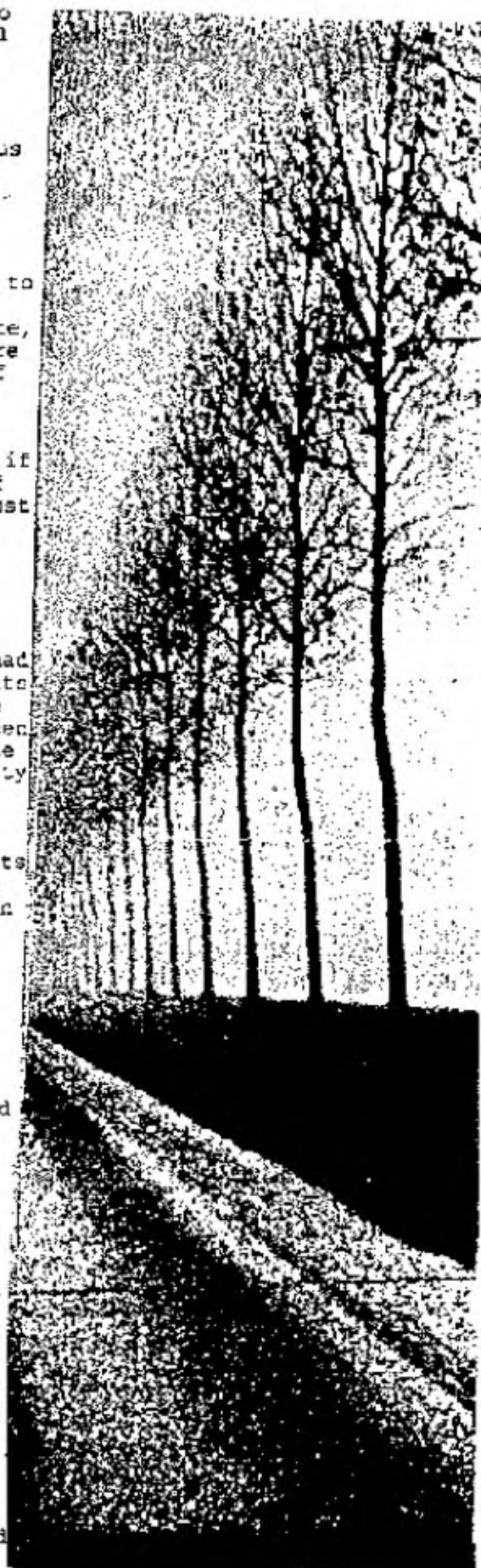
(Lutz Tauber, imprisoned RAF member)

It is one duty of the left to find new value and life in its praxis, despite the fact that what continually comes out in the society is that which 500 years of colonialism have implanted in the metropolitan consciousness: racist ideology. White supremacist consciousness has led to the colonialist and imperialist exploitation of the people of the Three Continents for the past 500 years. This is still present in the white metropolitan consciousness, and the state and capital often mobilize this during times of crisis.

Racism means categorizing people as "different" or "more-" and "less-valuable". This is how people who are no longer needed or who will be still more exploited are categorized by the capitalist production system.

The collapse of the social element among people has led to the advance of racism. This collapse means a 24-hour per day struggle among people for competition and the push to achieve, according to the dictates of the capitalist system; people are robbed of their own criteria for worth, only to have them replaced by capitalism's functional standards - most effectively in the metropolises. This means, for example, a connection between achievement and labor as the defining standards for the worth of a human being: without a job, you're nothing... That is today's standard, and most people have become accustomed to living their entire lives according to an entirely pre-destined rhythm, lives in which there is no place for creativity and a desire for living.

This shows how, under this system, most things are valued according to their relationship to physical matters, which naturally means that it is most often women that are forced to view their bodies as wares to be either consumed by men or turned down...





It is and always has been the practice of the ruling capitalist system to divide people with such criteria and with 1000 different divisions: the division between those that are more- and less-valuable; between those that are able to work and those that are "shy of work"; between black and white; between men and women; between young and old; between the sick, the weak, and the disabled and the strong and healthy; between the clever and the "dumb".

This destructive process has today reached a dimension in which the society has been undergoing an internal conversion.

A racist consciousness, and its destructive process in the society, can only be combatted and reversed by means of struggles in which social conditions and values are put forward and transformed. A perspective of revolutionary change can only be realized in such processes. Either the left - and by that we mean all those who are searching for ways of putting forward a humane way of living both here and worldwide - must make a new beginning, which has a relevance in the society - or the initiative will remain on the right, with the fascists.

Either our side will develop a base-movement from below, which is directed by solidarity and justice, and by the struggle against this cold society and against poverty and a lack of perspective, or the explosive contradictions will remain destructive and the violence will escalate, each person against the other.

There are leftists who don't want to discuss those questions of social development - the questions which we and others are posing - because they see them as reformist. Such false discussions of revolutionary versus reformist are useless when it comes to the re-orientation of revolutionary politics; and also holding onto timeless truths won't give anyone any answers to the new questions of today. At the same time, the notion that the revolution has to be international is also banal - it's of no use to anyone, not even the peoples of the east and the south.

The real questions start by asking how our own social counter-power can be developed here, and how our experiences and progress can be concretely transformed into a relevant force in the international struggle and discussion. In this sense, we can no longer look for a re-orientation as part of an international grouping, because both in terms of content and superficiality, this is absurd.

Getting stuck on orienting on others to see how to tear things apart (or to see if it's better to hold onto things) is an old manner of behaviour of the German left. What was positive about the discussions since 10.4 of last year was that within the radical-left, a lot of old garbage - like competitive or limiting thinking, or the obstinate retention of old manners of behaviour - was scrutinized, and now, since things are so open, they can finally be turned around.

The advantage of the re-orientation of revolutionary politics is that now people are getting together, organizing and acting, people that actually want to learn new thoughts from one another and develop themselves.

Since we halted the escalation from our side nearly one year ago, the state has heightened its pressure on progressive individuals and the political opponents of this system; attempts to search for a new way from out of the few struggled-after spaces have been beaten back like never before. One prime example was the counter-congress to the G-7 summit in Munich, which was hindered before it started, making an international discussion impossible, and also the demonstration there which was encircled by the police.

Anti-fascist organizations are being criminalized and anti-fascist demonstrations, like the one last summer in Mannheim, are beaten down.

Of course, there has to be a connection between the hindering of self-determined proposals, the pursuit and jailing of anti-fascists, and the rising strength of the fascist mobilization.

The ruling powers know that all measures which the present crisis forces them to take will only sharpen the contradictions: societal collapse, rising housing shortages, rising unemployment, crisis in the steel industry, crisis in the automobile



industry... - Reuter, the head of Daimler-Benz, talks of 30-50 years of crisis - all of this will fall on the shoulders of the people. At the same time, the state needs to get a big mobilization for Great Germany behind it. When, for example, federal troops go into military action, like in the war in Iraq and also against the Kurdish people - then the Great German state takes a different perspective and tries to get a big acceptance here for Germany's role as a military power - there's little difference between this and the racist, white mobilization of the "German citizens" on their boat, something which this society might one day manage in the interest of the ruling capitalists.

While on the one hand they have drilled the notion into people's minds that the foreigners and the refugees and the scrapping of the constitutional asylum clause are all part of "the Germans' problem", and they thereby call the fascist mobilization into the plan, on the other hand there has been the ruling powers' fake side, like the demonstration against racial hatred held in Berlin at the end of last year. Also in this way, the state seeks to channel the many people who are opposed to the fascist attacks and murders. To insure that this movement does not develop into a movement of international solidarity of the oppressed against the ruling powers and their fascist attackers, a weeks-long media campaign was initiated: talk of violence, violence from the left being equated with violence from the right. Although last year alone there were attacks on foreign, disabled, and homeless people which left 17 people dead, Kohl talk of the need to struggle against violence from both the right and the left.

The jubilation of the ruling powers upon the collapse of the state-socialist systems and the "big victory" of the capitalist system has been silent for some time now - this development has placed the capitalist system in its greatest crisis. The ruling powers have no answers to this crisis - but this doesn't mean that they won't continue with their inhumane plans and measures in an attempt to regulate the situation, which is something they cannot do.

It seems that the only line which they have perfected is their struggle against the left. They feel that all those involved in an anti-fascist and anti-racist mobilization from below against the ruling interests need to be defeated. They want to prevent all initiatives in which people attempt to organize solutions to their problems by means of solidarity from below.

As a part of this, the state has been taking revenge on old communists and anti-fascists, and the trial and imprisonment of Gerhard Soegelien is exemplary of this process, namely that all resistance experiences from this century need to be wiped out. And another part of this posture is revealed in the state's treatment of our imprisoned comrades.

We have often been criticized because in our communique last April we linked our decision to halt our actions to the situation of the prisoners, particularly to the state's destructive stance.

We have always maintained that the step in our history which we took was grounded in the necessity of developing new foundations, and we stated that this necessity was independent of the state's conduct. But from the beginning, it was unclear how the state would react to the decrease in pressure from our side, and that's why we left the option open of intervening, if necessary, in order to place limits on the state's conduct. In August '92 we wrote:

"We will then decide on armed intervention as a moment of pushing back and not as a further strategy. We won't simply be made to revert to our old ways. This escalation is not in our interest. But the state has to realize that when it leaves no other option, we have the means, the experience, and the determination to make them take responsibility."

It's ridiculous to say that we were making the question of the re-development of revolutionary politics dependent on the prisoners. But the fact is, our step forced the state to show its real intentions concerning freedom for the political prisoners. This whole situation is a contradiction; we have to deal with this and act within this. After all, we don't live in a vacuum.

After we removed the pressure from our side, the state once again decided on an escalation against the prisoners - the prosecution against Christian Klar and the new wave of trials







will put people away for their entire lives; the decision to not release Bernd Roessler early; and the refusal of prisoners based on the offer of release after submission to psychiatric tests, whereby they would be forced to claim that their struggle, their initiatives, their entire opposition was simple insanity.

The prisoners are not going to be regrouped, because this would allow them to take part in discussion processes and social processes - and there's even less chance of them being released. Just as before, they are to be destroyed, and their experiences in the struggle are to be kept distant from others. It has become clear to us that a political decision demands that the state turn away from its destructive stance and adopt a political attitude with regard to the prisoner question - the state justice system has shown that it does not have the political will to make this decision. Of course, there are thousands of questions still on the table, and as for a discussion of solidarity, in which our struggles and experiences of the past 25 years can be learned from, decisions for the future can be made, and from which common criteria for new proposals for a process of change can be made, this discussion has hardly begun. But there are fundamentals and things that are self-understood that need not be questioned, and from which we proceed: for example, the relationship between our prisoners and the reality that the state has tortured political prisoners in isolation for 22 years - we are fighting for the freedom of these prisoners.

We will not say that we have been looking for a new strategy while what happens to them in the meantime does not fit in our concept. We can't start a new beginning or develop new proposals separately from the question of how the freedom of our comrades who have been imprisoned during the 22 years of our struggle can be won. They have been in isolation cells and small groups for 18...22 years! There is no question: THEY MUST ALL BE FREE!

The question of whether the freedom for all political prisoners can be pushed through with a common effort by all left-wing and progressive people also, according to us, has the significance of whether, in this phase of re-orientation, a strong and self-conscious force, which will be a counter-power to the ruling relationships, can be built up. Anyone today that accepts powerlessness and is seeking cover, because they think that our side is too weak - how can they then think that we will be able to build up a force that can change the common relationships?

With the Comrade Katharina Hammerschmidt, we attacked the prison in Weiterstadt and thereby delayed the detention of people there by several years. With this action, we sought to insert some political pressure against the firm stance against our imprisoned comrades and to force the state to deal with this question. But the pushing through of the demand for their freedom requires various initiatives from many people. Over the last year, we have sought, despite the absence of pressure from us, to keep this question urgent. Sadly, those things that could have been put into action and pushed to their limits were not taken up by the comrades of the left-radical spectrum.

With our action, we have once again increased this pressure and made the urgency real. We think that this can be utilized.

"We demand the closure of the Weiterstadt prison! Weiterstadt was conceived as a deportation prison and constructed accordingly..."

(from a discussion paper by prisoners in Stuttgart-Stammheim, Sept. '91)

## RED ARMY FRACTION COMMUNIQUE





The Weiterstadt prison is exemplary of how the state deals with the splintering and broadening contradictions: more and more people are faced with prison, prison, prison - and this prison was also supposed to act as a deportation prison as a part of the racist state refugee policy.

In its technological perfection of isolation and differentiation of imprisoned people, it was to be a model for the rest of Europe.

Weiterstadt, after Berlin-Plötzensee, was to be the second fully-conceived maximum-security prison for women, and it was being billed as "the most humane prison" in Germany. But behind this notion is hidden its scientifically further-developed concept of the isolation, differentiation, and total control of prisoners. It is the principle of reward and punishment in a high-tech form that forces prisoners to be disciplined and subordinate and which forces them, even if it means breaking them, to give their "cooperation".

The electronic surveillance system was the most expensive and highly-developed in all of Europe, with which all aspects of the prison could be controlled and utilized for the psychological program of destroying all attempts at solidarity, friendship, and self-determined organization.

"Before the prisoners are divided into their various living groups, they undergo a selection process. Here, a psychiatrist can monitor their willingness to adapt or their level of resistance. On the basis of these results, the exact division of the prisoners into their living groups is decided upon. The living groups are set up hierarchically. They range from the uncooperative and unbreakable ones to those that can adapt. The goal: to have the prisoners go through a 'carrier' from the lowest levels (ie, unadapted) to the highest (ie, conformist) living groups."

(from the info-paper "Bunte Hilfer", Darmstadt)

Some women from Plötz, who went on hunger-strike to call for the abolition of the living group plan, wrote the following: "This situation is characterized by a level of control and repression whose totality can hardly be imagined. Plötz has

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been conceptualized in this way, both architecturally and in terms of personnel, so as to prevent contact between women or at least that everything be recorded in detail. The women will be dispersed in forced groupings separated from one another, and then it will be observed how well they adapt and how they best can be made ready. Each isolated cell has a two-way intercom, so that the women can be acoustically monitored at all times. All of the hallways are monitored by cameras, and the common areas, where the prisoners spend their free time, have glass walls - in short, the perfect surveillance over all living areas..."

With the lie of a "human prison", the Justice Department was hoping to get prisoners in other prisons used to the idea of their transfer to Weiterstadt. For years, they have ignored the demands of prisoners in Frankfurt-Preungshausen, announcing instead that Weiterstadt would be open in '93. What does the demand to dismantle the brutal cement display in Preungshausen have to do with Weiterstadt? It's not merely the claim that the prisoners' conditions would be changed in Weiterstadt (where their transfer was already planned) that is contradicted by reality. It has proved that their answer to developments in the society is to build more and more prisons (because Preungshausen was not going to be closed down, just renovated) and more places of detention to jail more and more people.

The construction of prisons is no solution for the (Preungshausen) prisoners. Their demands must be fulfilled - prisons must be torn down.

**FREEDOM FOR ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS!**

**FREE ALL HIV+ PRISONERS!**

**CLOSE ALL ISOLATION UNITS!**

**WE GREET ALL THOSE WHO ARE STRUGGLING IN THE PRISONS FOR THEIR HUMAN RIGHTS - IN PREUNGSHAUSEN, SANJA FU, PLOETZENSEE, RHEINBACH, STAMMEIM, STRAUBING...**

**SOLIDARITY WITH THE INTERNATIONAL PRISON STRUGGLE!**

**THE PATH TO LIBERATION IS PART OF A SOCIAL CHANGE PROCESS, WHICH MUST BE PART OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL STRUGGLE FOR CHANGE!**

**FIGHT AGAINST THE RACISM OF THE STATE AND THE NAZIS!**

**REMOVE THE RACIST CONSCIOUSNESS IN THE SOCIETY THROUGH THE STRUGGLE FOR THE SOCIAL ELEMENT AMONG PEOPLE - ALSO FOR THIS DO WE NEED A BASE-MOVEMENT FROM BELOW, WHICH IS DIRECTED BY SOLIDARITY AND JUSTICE AND THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE COLD SOCIETY, POVERTY, AND THE LACK OF PERSPECTIVE!**

**FOR A SOCIETY WITHOUT PRISONS! //**

Commando Katharina Hammerschmidt  
Red Army Fraction  
20.03.1993

ps: The notion that we protected the lives of the guards and the low-level justice officials only out of "tactical concerns" or that they could thank Kinkel for their lives is, of course, a lie. The RAF has no interest in wounding or killing such people. This lie is also in line with the fact that the BfW (federal prosecutor's office - trans.) forgot to mention the warning notices which we painted all over the prison's outer perimeter. Although they usually like to parade every piece of evidence they have.

(translated by Arm The Spirit)



NOTE

1. KATHARINA HAMMERSCHMIDT was a RAF sympathizer. She died in 1975 in a prison hospital because of a lung cancer, which the authorities deliberately refused to allow decent medical treatment.

# Imperialist Peace Is War!

Excerpt From The Wotta Sitta Document "Imperialist Peace Is War"

## Crisis And War



*"Our epoch, the epoch of the bourgeoisie, possesses, however, this distinctive feature: It has simplified the class antagonisms. Society as a whole is more and more splitting into two great camps, into two great classes directly facing each other - bourgeoisie and proletariat." (Marx, Engels)*

1. Last year saw an intensification of the imperialist bourgeoisie's class rule around the world, under the pressure of monopoly capital, which is trying to overcome the unresolved crisis of the 70's by speeding up the process of the concentration, centralization, and internalization of capital.

This process is leading (by itself) to a profound alteration in the shape of class rule. On the one hand, it is leading to a number of growing and explosive contradictions, which are multi-productive and multinational, among states and economic areas, thus making clear the inherent limits of the era of globalization and economic interdependence. On the other hand, this same process results in a direct attack against the living conditions of billions of proletarians and people around the world, through the ruthless policies that the G7, World Bank, NATO and the ONU, as supranational bodies of capitalism, are controlling and defining. ...

The Gulf War has been the clearest and most visible demonstration of this intensified class rule, and of imperialism's determination to accept no questions about its interests and international settlements of power. The 90's are beginning with the most logical and realistic scenario for imperialism in this epoch: war and the reports of war that characterize the today's struggle, and the consequent tragic results of this barbaric domination over human life.

The might and power of the West hasn't translated into a 'new world order', rather it has translated into a period of great confusion and upset, of rising conflicts and instability. The ending of the world order established at Yalta is proving to be more complicated and dramatic than expected. The costs of the Yalta settlement were the dead of WW II; and what the U.S.-led imperialist powers are trying to impose will not cost any less. Let us leave to the reformists and revisionists their dangerous illusions and lies; we prefer to remember the lessons of history: history has shown that when a balance of power collapses, a new war is inevitable and necessary in order to build up another balance of power. From Versailles to Yalta, then...

Imperialism is war. War has always been the way by which the bourgeoisie tries to resolve its crisis, by unloading the cost of its propagation and reproduction on the proletarian class in a destructive manner.

Also, today the war cannot be considered to have been finished with the victory of the western alliance in the Gulf War, because we have already seen, in this last decade of the century, a lot of wars breaking out in the various geo-political areas of the world. War is coming back again, even in Europe, with broad and rising armed conflicts and civil war occurring, particularly in the former Yugoslavia and the former USSR.

This scenario, which, tragically, we are seeing daily, assumes specific characteristics and develops precisely in this area that is the true nerve center of the entire planet, because it is crossed by all of the contradictions of this epoch. The principal and predominant one is between proletariat and bourgeoisie, the explosion between the North and South of the world that generates the inter-imperialist economic and political conflict that already exists and which tends to develop among the world powers in their dividing up and domination of the world.

The European imperialist bourgeoisie is speeding up the necessary steps that cannot be given up (even though these steps are contradictory) to put forward the economic, political and military integration process of the European states in order to be a bloc, i.e. a political subject being able to establish homogeneous policies that are binding internally and significantly to advance on the rest of the world.

"1992" is not to be merely a formal celebration of the birth of the "European Union", but the moment for the practical realization of its basic passage as a whole and a turning point in its fulfillment. Therefore the "European Union" is an advancement of class rule in the entire continental area and of its imperialist projection in the other areas of the world, beginning with the Mediterranean-Middle East, as shown already with its active involvement in the Gulf war.

Europe wants to take part and does take part as a protagonist in the "new world order". In Italy it is enough to remember the actions against the Iraqi people by the "heroes" Bollini and Cossiceni and their other stooges a year ago; the air-lifts to get rid of the Albanian refugees and control them in their own country, from now on little more than a new Italian protectorate; and the increasing political and military missions in Yugoslavia, a true backyard of De Michelis and his stooges, or in far off El Salvador.

Obviously, the aims of "Great Germany", England and France and the resurrected Spain are not any less, and they can rely on a considerable legacy of world colonization. "1992" sees the European states aiming at the conquest and exploitation of resources and peoples, just like 500 years ago.

The proletariat in Europe and around the world have felt for a long time the new quality of the struggle and they have never stopped their resistance against the capitalist strategies that are more and more destructive and directed only towards profit. The proletarian struggles, the liberation and freedom processes, have to deal with a huge advancement in the repressive counter-revolution that heavily marked many revolutionary experiences and which are trying to prevent the coming together of new experiences. Nevertheless, one can already see many features of a passage to a new revolutionary age marked by a deeper struggle, wherein the proletarian struggle throughout the world is more and more connected and linked against the common enemy. The mass mobilizations and the initiatives of the revolution-



Some comrades from Wotta Sitta: Maria Pia Vianale (standing), Riva Mura (below Vianale), Anna Colone (beside Mura), Susanna Berardi (above Colone) and Caterina Spano

ary forces within the areas of the imperialist 'centres', as well as those of the Third World, during the Gulf War, have undoubtedly contributed to strengthening the ground of anti-imperialist and proletarian internationalism. The varied examples of proletarian resistance and the many revolutionary initiatives that are starting to strike and sabotage all of the processes characterizing "1992" are moving in this same direction. Such processes are seen by the proletariat as a capitalist aiming points under the guise of "deregulation" and revolution.

This is a tendency that sees the intensification of exploitation, the widening of unemployment and marginalization, the worsening of living standards, along with a more and more alienated life, and more and more the imposition of repressive, fascist, and racist policies against those people that are pressing against the borders of "Fortress Europe".

500 years ago the "conquest of the Americas" was the beginning of a new age and of a European policy of oppression against the countries and peoples possessing resources and wealth that enabled the establishment of world colonization and domination, and rule for rising capitalism and its emerging class.

But that was not all; the increasing impoverishment of these peoples - the basis for the progress of the "developed and civilized Europe" - was often accompanied by extermination.

As Marx wrote in "Capital": "The discovery of gold and silver in America, the extirpation, enslavement and entombment in mines of the aboriginal population, the beginning of the conquest and looting of the East Indies, the turning of Africa into a warren for the commercial hunting of black-skinned, signalled the rosy dawn of the era of capitalist production. These idyllic proceedings are the chief moments of primitive accumulation."

Historical research measures the quality of these "idyllic processes": in 1500 the population of the world was 400 million, 80 million of which were in America. After 500 years, there remained only 10 million of these 80



million. In Mexico, at the time of the conquest there were about 25 million, in 1600 there were only 1 million.

This is the historical meaning of the proceedings that capitalism wants to celebrate with its endless productions around the "Fifth Centennial of the Discovery of the Americas". If European countries are once again taking the lead in these initiatives, it isn't simply out of a spirit of celebration, but rather it is a highlighting of the present rights of capitalist accumulation which are most advantageous to the world's big monopolies. It is a neo-colonialism in which the EEC, as the main character and protagonist, attempts to win the growing resources and spaces for exploitation in the Three Continents, in competition with U.S. and Japanese capital. Penetration by European capital is the form that the "conquest" takes today: a new dividing up of the world.

The threads of the proletarian struggles that are linking up in the various geographical areas of the world against U.S., European and Japanese imperialism are making concrete a new proletarian internationalism. This new proletarian internationalism is radically questioning and fighting against the basic premises of the rise and development of the capitalist social formations.

The political and economic strategies that are guiding capitalist reorganization have for many years produced rising social and class contradictions that define the features and extent of the class war at this stage. There is a huge scale process of proletarianization, due to the changes in the international division of labour that's characterizing the present half of this century. The advance of capitalism has forced most of the world's population in a proletarian condition, and this increasingly prevents almost any possibility of a non-capitalist existence, both in the center and periphery's areas, in the North as well as in the South and East of the world. More and more, every human being is directly confronted with the "bare profit"; the inhuman effect of an oppressive and destructive process on humanity, nature and the environment. It is a process of unprecedented dimension because this time capitalism intervenes directly against those for its exploitive, reproductive, and expansionist needs.

Having reached complete maturity at this stage of metropolitan capitalism's advanced development, this combination of factors results more and more in an increase and expansion of social unrest and conflict, throwing a growing number of men and women into a dimension of class struggle. At the same time, it establishes a terrain of objective connections between the struggles of the proletariat and the people of the world against the economic, political and military system that has historically imposed itself, and which revolves around the U.S. at the present, and against its new deployment over the last few years.

In Europe, to struggle against all of the policies that are pushing forward the dynamics of European integration and that extend imperialism's advancement in the world, means to have an awareness that in Europe, now more than before, many of the confrontation lines between imperialism and revolution, as well as between neo-colonialism and liberation struggles, are converging. It also means to concretely stand by the campesinos, natives and revolutionary forces against the "500 Year" celebration, so that they can raise their voices "against the ignominy of the colonial, neo-colonial and imperialist oppression, with the aim to consolidate our identity and to fortify our liberation struggle throughout all the continent". (Quito Statement - Campesino-Indigenous Organization).

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...and more comrades (Left to right): Luciano Farina, Giovanni Senzani, Giovanni Gentile Schiavone, Vittorio Bolognesi and Lorenzo Cakone

## LETTER FROM GIOVANNI SENZANI TO COMRADES FROM AUTONOMI

Trani. 29.4.1993

Ciao comrades in Copenhagen.

Last week I got your postcards (14.4.93) and the Weierstadt-text. Thank you. The envelope from the end of December with texts did not arrive here... We too would like to discuss with you in the north "about these times of general regression" - as you wrote - and we will send you a new collective letter in the future. We see a lot of confusion, opportunism and much more inside the political scene! Did you read about Italy? Now we have a new "solong" government, with the BANK ITALIA's gouverneur at the head! Oh la la... A sign of the new (old!) times here. And in Denmark? Let us know about the EEC Maastricht Treaty debate up there etc. etc.

Stop for today  
Revolutionary greetings from all of us!

CIAO!

Giovanni

- Un forte abbraccio a tutti - Lorenzo
- Saluti rivoluzionari a tutti, tutte - Luciano
- Un abbraccio forte - Aleinno
- Un caro e forte abbraccio - Vittorio

From ★ Arm The Spirit 14/15 )

**AUTONOMI**  
NEWSLETTER ★

# Assata Shakur On Racism In The USA

Delivered at a meeting of the Organization of Solidarity of the Peoples of Africa, Asia, and Latin America, Havana, Cuba May 8, 1992

First of all I would like to say it is a great pleasure and a great honour for me to be here today. I would like to thank the Cuban government and the Cuban people for their long and consistent history of solidarity and support for the struggles of African-Americans and other oppressed people in the United States. I am sure that I speak for the vast majority of progressive thinking people in the United States when I say that for us, the Cuban revolution has been a shining example of freedom, social justice, and of courageous struggle against U.S. imperialism. We are truly grateful for the very principled stand that the Cuban government has taken against racism, both nationally and internationally.

Many of us in the African-American community first became acquainted with the Cuban revolution in 1960, when Fidel Castro and the entire Cuban delegation stayed in the Teresa Hotel in Harlem, N.Y. and became the first, and probably the only, world leaders to stay in a hotel in a predominantly Black and poor neighbourhood. Black and Third World people in the United States have repeatedly been the victims of persecution and political repression and we are deeply grateful to the Cuban people for giving political asylum to activists like Robert Williams and Huey Newton of the Black Panther Party. We are also very appreciative of the vast support in Cuba that political prisoners like Angela Davis and Leonard Peltier have received.

At a time when the United States government's policies around the world are becoming more militaristic, repression inside the U.S. borders is also on the upswing. Racism and police brutality have been part of the U.S. reality, but they are now reaching levels that have never been known before. The case of Rodney King in Los Angeles is not an isolated incident. Over the last five years there have been uprisings or mass demonstrations in every major city in the United States protesting police brutality and repression. Although there are also white victims of police brutality, blacks and other Third World people are the most frequent victims of police violence. In African-American, Latino, Native American and Asian communities the police have a virtual license to kill. Each year, hundreds of police are investigated on charges of using excessive force or of wanted murder, but only a small number are ever officially charged with crimes and only a tiny percentage are ever found guilty. And even on those rare occasions when policemen are actually convicted of assault, torture or murder, the violators seldom spend time in prison for their crimes.

The racist mass media and the entertainment industry tacitly condone this police terror by depicting Blacks and other Third World people as violent criminals and by treating police violence as a normal, justifiable fact of life. The message is repeated over and over in thousands of subtle ways, implying that Blacks and other people of colour somehow deserve to be beaten or shot.

Given the reality in poor and oppressed communities, it is not surprising that police brutality triggered an uprising in Los Angeles. What is in fact surprising is that more rebellions have not occurred. The police chief Daryl Gates has come under fire for his racist policies and racist remarks. When his department was criticized because a large number of Blacks, approximately 20, had died as a result of police chokeholds, Gates stated that "We may be finding that in some Blacks when a [restraint] is applied the veins or arteries do not open up as fast as they do on normal people." Police racism is such a common occurrence in L.A. that the police showed little hesitation in laughing and joking over police rallies and commentaries

about the beating of Rodney and other police beatings, referring to King and other blacks as lizards and gorillas. For years, L.A. SWAT (assault) teams have conducted massive sweeps of African-American and Latino communities, during which huge numbers of youths are forced to kneel or lie on the ground while the police conduct random searches, supposedly to combat drug and gang activity. In some Los Angeles neighbourhoods police have put up concrete barricades with police posted at entrances. Signs reading "Narcotics Enforcement Area - Open to Residents Only" have been put up and everyone police suspect of being a gang member or a drug pusher or user are routinely stopped and searched.

The events in Los Angeles are repeated, almost identically, throughout the U.S.A. Although young Black and Third World males in their teens and twenties have been the main targets of police violence, no one is safe.

In California, police broke into a locked apartment and shot a five-year-old black boy who was playing with a toy pistol to death. The officer who shot the boy claimed that he thought that the boy was a man who was trying to shoot him. He was never prosecuted.

Eleanor Bumpers, a 67-year-old black grandmother, was shot to death as police attempted to evict her from her home because she was several months behind with her rent. Police claimed that Bumpers attacked them, although she weighed close to 200 pounds and could barely move because she suffered from severe arthritis.

Michael Stewart, 18 years old, was beaten to death by police for the crime of painting on the walls of the subway. In an attempt to cover up his death, New York City's chief medical examiner falsified autopsy reports on three different occasions - stating that he died from cardiac arrest, bronchial pneumonia, and then finally, of spinal cord injury. The six police who were charged with the beatings were found not guilty.

In Philadelphia, police launched an aerial bombardment that killed 31 African-Americans, 5 of them young children. Sixty-nine homes were also destroyed, leaving 253 homeless. Although the group had committed no crime, police officials initiated the bombing to evict them from the area, stating that they were radicals, undesirable, and nationalists who had to be removed from the area by force.

In many states, not only beatings but various kinds of torture have become a common practice, usually to obtain a forced confession. In Texas, Alabama, California, and New York, police have been accused and convicted of torturing prisoners with "Stun Guns" - batons that can deliver a 50,000 volt charge.

These are just a tiny sampling of racist police violence in the United States. The overall statistics are alarming. In New York City, for example, minorities accounted for 92.5% of police killings in 1990. There were 41 people killed by police in 1990; 15 were African-American, 23 were Latino, and only 3 were white. The U.S. Justice Department reports that there were 15,000 cases of police brutality and excessive force investigated over the last 6 years. The Justice Department has brought only approximately 40 lawsuits charging police brutality. In almost all areas, in the vast majority of cases as racism and violence are increasing, the U.S. government looks the other way.

Racism has become fashionable in the United States, largely due to the open hostility and indifference to the plight of poor and third world people by the Reagan and Bush administrations. Both administrations have vigorously opposed all Civil Rights legislation, all pro-



grams to help the poor, and have severely cut back funds slated for health, education and social welfare. By the beginning of the 1990s, most of the policies and programs which had provided a small amount of aid to the urban poor had been eliminated.

Both Reagan and Bush ran political campaigns which represented the interests of rich, white America. Instead of using overtly racist language, they cloaked their racist appeals with thinly coded words by opposing "quotas", "special interest groups", "reverse discrimination", etc. In 1988 the George Bush campaign paid huge amounts of money to run "Willie Horton" television ads which directly appealed to white racism. Willie Horton was a Black man who, while released from prison on a furlough, allegedly raped a white woman. Bush quickly aligned himself with elements of the far-right, sprinkling his speeches with ultra-right rhetoric.

It was under these conditions that white supremacist groups proliferated in the U.S. Between 1950 and 1991 the number of hate groups in the U.S. rose by 27%. In 1990 there were 69 Ku Klux Klan groups; by 1961 there were 97. In 1990 there were 160 neo-Nazi groups; by 1991 there were more than 200. There were 25 bias-related murders in 1961, up from 20 in 1990.

As a result of the ongoing, uninterrupted racist policies of the U.S. government, oppressed communities are in a state of crisis. Drug abuse, violence, crime, the AIDS epidemic and poverty have wreaked havoc on black and other third world communities. These conditions make up the underlying cause for the rage and extreme discontent that led up to the rebellion in Los Angeles and other places.

## Poverty

There are more than 5 million homeless people currently living in the United States.



Between 1986 and 1990 there was a 49% rise in the number of Blacks living in high poverty areas in central cities. In 1990, half of Black children under 6 were living in poverty, along with 40% of Latino children.

For the most affluent 5% of all families in the U.S., average income rose to 148,438 in 1989, from \$120,253 in 1979. In the same 10 year period, the average income of the poorest one fifth of all families declined by \$559. In 1990, the average Black worker earned \$329 a week, compared with \$427 for the average white worker.

## Education

As government funds are cut, access to quality education becomes more and more difficult for poor children. In many large cities, the high school drop-outs rate is between 70% and 70%. Racism follows children from kindergarten to college.

Black children are three times more likely to be classified "retarded" by their public schools as whites, while Black teenagers read four years behind the level of white classmates.

In 1980, the wealthiest school districts in New Jersey spent \$800 more per child than the poorest districts. Today, they spend \$3,000 more. In Texas, in 1978, the richest districts spent \$600 more than the poor districts. Today they spend up to \$5,000 more.

Tuition costs have more than tripled at private colleges since 1977. Last year's average bill was about \$8,700. At public schools tuition more than doubled, up to about \$1,700 last year. The percentage of low-income black high school graduates attending college dropped to 30% in 1988, from nearly 40% in 1976... In 1976, 53% of black middle-income high school graduates were enrolled; by 1988 only 28% were there. The black presence on campuses waned - even as total college attendance rose, according to Newsweek:

"Who goes to College?" (from Newsweek)

Black males	4%
Black females	6%
White males	35%
White females	45%

## Health

The death rate for Black infants (17.6 per 1,000 births as of 1988) is more than twice that for whites (8.5 per 1,000). According to the National Commission to Prevent Infant Mortality, Detroit, Washington, and Philadelphia suffer higher infant-death rates than Jamaica or Costa Rica. In Central Harlem the infant mortality rate is the same as in Malaysia:

Infant Mortality Rate, 1988  
(Deaths per 1,000 births)

Central Harlem	23.4
Bedford-Stuyvesant	21.0
Hart Harlem	14.9
New York City	13.3

A study by Dr. Harold Freeman, director of surgery at Harlem Hospital, and Dr. Collin McCord, found that a man in Harlem has less chance of living past 40 than a man in impoverished Bangladesh. In Bangladesh 55 percent of men live to age 65, while only 40 percent of Harlem men live that long.

Nearly 7% of all U.S. babies - a quarter million a year - are born too small. The rate is far higher, and rising, among minorities. In 1988 fully 15% of all Black children came into the world dangerously underweight.

Cocaine use rose ominously among young women during the 1980's. Recent findings suggests that the problem has peaked; experts guess that 300,000 to

100,000 women deliver cocaine-exposed babies each year. At Harlem Hospital, the frequency of cocaine use among expectant mothers jumped from 1% in 1980 to 20% in 1988. A 1989 survey suggested that 17% of Philadelphia's babies were born exposed.

More than 34 million Americans have no health insurance. Of the uninsured, about 27% of Hispanics are uninsured, 20% of blacks and 12% of whites.

## Prison

Black males comprise less than 6% of the U.S. population but represent nearly 50 % of prisoners in jails and penitentiaries. The United States now has the world's highest known rate of incarceration, with 426 prisoners per 100,000 population. South Africa is second in the world with a rate of 333 per 100,000.

- Black males in the U.S. are incarcerated at a rate of four times that of Black males in South Africa, 3,109 per 100,000 compared to 729 per 100,000.

- Between 1973 and 1988, the number of felons in state and federal prisons almost tripled from 204,000 to 603,000. By 1989, the total inmate population in U.S. prisons and jails had passed the one million mark.

- Almost one in four (23 percent) Black men in the age group 20-29 is either in prison, jail, on probation, or parole on any given day.

- For white men in the age group 20-29, one in 16 (6%) is under the control of the criminal justice system.

- Latino males rates fall between these two groups, with one in 10 (10.4%) within the criminal justice system on any given day.

The number of women inmates has almost tripled in the last 10 years. Three quarters of the women are mothers, and many of them single parents... The typical offender, according to a 1988 national study conducted for the American Correctional Association, is a young minority mother.

## Death Penalty

- There are approximately 2,400 people on death row. More than 41% of prisoners on death row are African-American.

- More than 6% of those on death row are Hispanic.

- Native Americans receive the death penalty in numbers more than triple their proportion of the general population. A House Judiciary Committee found that 60 of the 115 prisoners on death row in Alabama were African American, as were 71% of those executed since the reestablishment of executions in that state in the early 1980s.

The government's own General Accounting Office reviewed 20 studies on the patterns of death sentencing. The study concluded that "in 82% of the studies, race of victim was found to influence the likelihood of being charged with capital murder. Those who murdered whites were more likely to be sentenced to death than those who murdered Blacks."

There are more than 100 Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War currently in U.S. Prisons.

The "Special International Tribunal On The Violation Of Human Rights Of Political Prisoners And Prisoners Of War In United States' Prisons And Jails" held in December, 1990, concluded in its verdict that:

- "Within the prisons and jails of the United States exist substantial numbers of Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War.

- "These prisoners have been incarcerated for their opposition to U.S. government policies and actions that are illegal under domestic and international law, including the right to self-determination, genocide, colonial-

ism, racism and militarism.

- "The U.S. government criminalizes and imprisons persons involved in the struggles for self-determination of Native Americans, Puerto Ricans, and Black and Mexican-Chicano activists within the borders of the United States.

- "The U.S. also criminalizes and imprisons white North Americans and others who have worked in solidarity with struggles for self-determination, as well as for peace and against nuclear arms, against racism, sexism and other forms of discrimination.

- "Political people have been subjected to disproportionately lengthy prison sentences and to torture, cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment within the U.S. prison system."

## The Reality of Life in the USA

The reality of what life in the USA is really like depends on what class and race one belongs to. In many cases the quality of life is a far cry from the images shown on the silver screen. The image that the U.S. government projects abroad is based on sheer hypocrisy. While U.S. leaders make speeches about Human Rights abroad, they blatantly violate the human rights of the U.S. population.

Democracy has meant little more to many people living in the U.S.A. than a choice between the lesser of the evils. Just because you've got Hitler, Mussolini and Franco running against each other in an election doesn't mean you've got democracy. There is no freedom of speech in the U.S., only freedom to whisper. Anyone who really speaks out against U.S. policies loudly and effectively becomes targeted by the FBI or the CIA. The government's spokesmen give much lip service to "multi-party democracy," but any party that differs from the pro-capitalist policies of the Republican and Democratic parties will be infiltrated and attacked by government agencies.

Oppressed people in the United States identify with and support Cuba, not only because of Cuba's revolutionary example. We also relate to the Cuban experience because we have been victimized by the same reactionary politics. It is not difficult for us to recognize and condemn the U.S. blockade against Cuba, because many of us have experienced a very different but somewhat similar blockade during our entire lifetimes. The subjugated people in the United States have been subjected to a kind of economic and political blockade since the day we were born. We have experienced a job blockade, an education blockade, a healthcare blockade, and a freedom, justice and liberty blockade. We can relate to the plight of the Cuban people because we know what it feels like to be attacked from all sides, simply for fighting against exploitation. We support the right of the Cuban people to self-determination. We feel certain that the Cuban people will be able to solve their own problems, without copying any kind of big-business, Willie Horton style "democracy."

Referring to the uprising and the racial composition of Los Angeles, Police Chief Daryl Gates called it "a Third World city." Those of us who have suffered at the hands of the U.S. government for years know the truth in what he said. The same federal troops that had invaded Panama, that had fought in Iraq, were now fighting in Los Angeles. And we were the enemy. In one of the bloodiest rebellions in U.S. history, with close to 60 dead and more than 2,000 wounded, the reality is staring us in the face. Oppressed people in the U.S. are no different from oppressed people all over the world. We will never be free until imperialism is defeated.

Viva la Revolution Cubana!  
Viva la Libertad!  
Venceremos!!!!

(from Race & Class Newsletter via NY Transfer News Service)



## Germany:

THERE ARE MANY WAYS OF KILLING ...

We are furious about the death of the anti-fascist and resistance fighter

GERHARD BÖGELEIN  
16.01.24-09.03.93

persecuted by the NS- and BRD Justice.

1989 THEY have taken him away from medical treatment in Leipzig to Hamburg, in prison destroyed his health and thereby produced his death.

WE MOURN FOR OUR  
FRIEND AND COMRADE



Es gibt viele Arten zu töten....

Wir sind wütend über den Tod des Antifaschisten und Widerstandskämpfers

GERHARD BÖGELEIN  
16.01.1924 - 09.03.1993

verfolgt durch NS- und BRD Justiz.  
SIE haben ihn 1989 aus medizinischer Behandlung von Leipzig nach Hamburg verschleppt, im Kessel gesundheitlich zerstört und dadurch den Tod herbeigeführt.

Wir trauern um unseren  
Freund und Genossen

Prozeßgruppe Gerhard Bögelein

## THE DEATH OF AN ANTI-FASCIST

The 9. March 1993 Gerhard Bögelein died in Hamburg. The 69 years old anti-fascist and former DDR citizen was in May 1992 sentenced to "imprisonment for life". The accusation of the Hamburg court was : he had in 1948 in the Soviet Union killed a nazi-warjudge.

The process in Hamburg against two old anti-fascists and resistance fighters - the other accused Karl Kielhorn was acquitted - resulted in 1991/92 in several newspaper headlines and protests. In december 1992 the seriously ill Gerhard Bögelein at last was given prison acquittal. In the beginning of March 93 he just managed to find a small apartment in Hamburg. Untill his death he had to report to the Hamburg police once a week. Gerhard Bögelein always hoped for a second trial and for an improvement of his health condition.

Gerhard Bögelein was an unbroke anti-fascist with many important experiences for the resistance today. We here in Denmark, who have participated in the solidarity campaign for his release, mourn for the death of Gerhard Bögelein!

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### ANTI-FASCIST CAMPAIGN AGAINST FASCIST CENTRES AND MEETING PLACES.

On the initiative of Autonome Anti-Fa (M) Göttingen (organized in the countrywide coordinated Anti-Fascist Action), anti-fascist connexions started a bigger campaign against the fascist centres in general, and specially against NDPs (a parliament orientated fascist party) training center in Adelebsen near Göttingen. From this center the NDP-politician, the fascist Hans-Michael Fiedler, organizes the various activities and propaganda of the organisation.

The 20. March 93 a demo in Adelebsen mobilized about 2.000 anti-fascists from a broad spectrum. The political basis of the demonstration was the mobilizing and political offensive (anti-state, anti-imperialist) of the Autonome Anti Fa (M) in Göttingen. The demo and the campaign had a big publicity - as it usually is when Autonome Anti-Fa (M) is the driving force.

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# DENMARK:

## ANTI-FASCIST MOBILIZATION IN KRUSÅ

The 16. and 20. May 1993 anti-fascist demonstrations took place in the small town Kruså at the German border.

On the initiative of the old nazi and former SS-officer THIES CHRISTOPHERSEN, who live in Kollund near Kruså, an international meeting was planned for active fascists the 17-22. may 93.

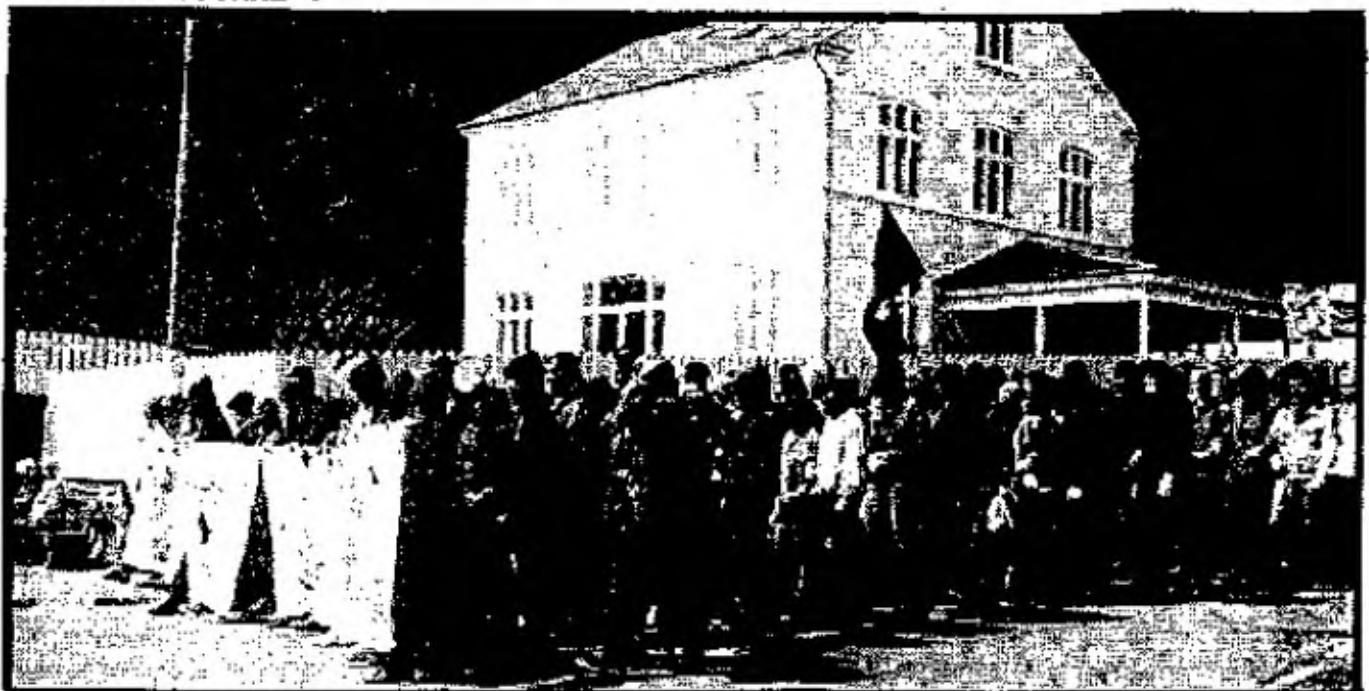
The leading nazi-historian DAVID IRVING and other known neo-nazi gangsters were supposed to participate. When the anti-fascist mobilization against this meeting was known, the owner of the hostel, where it was planned to take place cancelled the arrangement, (probably because he feared the damages on his property would be too big...)

ANTI-FASCISTS GROUPS from various North German towns, from Århus and Åbenrå in Denmark and AFA (Anti-Fascist Action) in Copenhagen mobilized for two anti-fascist demos: the 16. may (with about 1000 anti-fascists) and the 20. may (with about 500 anti-fascists)

The international nazi-meeting apparently did not take place, thanks to the anti-fascist mobilization!

NO PLATFORM FOR FASCISTS!

HINTER DEM FASCHISMUS AGIERT DAS KAPITAL- SCHLAGEN WIR ES INTERNATIONAL !







BERLIN, 1. MAY 1993

Ercan Sakar, member of the Turkish revolutionary organization DEV SOL, was murdered the 1. May 93 in Berlin.

Ercan Sakar, 25 years old, has grown up in Berlin, where he was known as an active and solidaric comrade.

He has been shot by supporters of D. Karatas - which form the other part of the recent, internal division inside Devrimci Sol. People from this fraction violently occupied the office of their former comrades in "Volkshaus Berlin".

The police used these events to close down DEV SOLs premises in Berlin and tries to criminalize the activities of the comrades.

The fraction of Karatas-supporters from DEV SOL has already one week before killed two comrades from the other current in DEV SOL in Istanbul . . .

ERCAN SAKAR



### STOP THE MADNESS !

The editorial collective of AUTONOMI sharply condemns this method of killing as an attempt to solve the existing, difficult conflicts in DEV SOL. We ask all comrades of DEV SOLs wings to stop this madly form of confrontation! Everything else will have catastrophic consequences for the further political and social future of DEV SOL. Do not destroy your great merits inside the historical and topical revolutionary resistance in Turkey!

With anger and sorrow over the death of Ercan Sakar.

The AUTONOMI-collective, Denmark.  
- May, 1993 -



ITALY :

**RENATO CURCIO RELEASED !**

After 15 years of imprisonment Renato Curcio, one of the founders of Brigade Rosse, could leave prison in April 1993.

Renato Curcio has been sentenced solely on basis of his subversive, revolutionary positions, nothing else ... Several times he was urged to make an application for amnesty, but he always refused it referring to the continuously imprisonment of some hundred of his comrades from the many years of struggle.

Salute Renato, from your comrades in Denmark!

Freedom for ALL revolutionary prisoners in the Italian prisons!



RENATO CURCIO, 1978

GREECE

**FREE GIORGOS BALAFAS !**

On December 2, 1992 Giorgos Balafas (wanted for 7 years by the Greek police) was arrested in Athens. So were his friends Andreas Kiriakopoulos and Vasiliki Mihou, who were with him at the time of his arrest. Balafas is accused of founding and being a member of "Anti-State-Struggle" (ASS) - an anarchist guerilla group. Balafas denies that he is a member of ASS. The police has no real evidence at all. The only "evidence" connecting him and ASS is, that Balafas was a cousin and friend of Tsutsuvis (a member of ASS, who was killed in an armed confrontation with the police). Balafas has been active in the resistance in Greece since 1975, and this is the real reason for the criminalization of him.



The arrests of Balafas, Kiriakopoulos and Mihou is an attack on the whole revolutionary left in Greece! We demand the release of all of them.

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FRANCE



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## Crisis In the French Gulag

By Jean Marc Rowellan

As you may know, the French prison system is one of the worst in Western Europe; its conditions and facilities of confinement are the same as those of bloody Turkey.

In the 1960's things only worsened. Each year there are more prisoners and they are always serving heavier sentences. The number and proportion of prisoners serving life sentences has increased enormously. The new sentencing system also has "security sentences" of 18 to 30 years. This means serving the entire sentence in a maximum security prison with no change of conditions, no good time reduction, no parole, no furloughs, nothing.

These judicial conditions are imposed by courts and tribunals that are always easier about revealing their fascist and anti-proletarian positions. They condemn children and the poor to very severe penalties but at the same time they acquit people like the former chief of police during the Vichy government [Ed. Note: this was the puppet regime set up by the Nazis during WWII in administration France] and the chief of the anti-Jewish section of that Nazi government. They also acquit cops or people accused of killing Arabs, Gypsies, and youth of the older ghettos.

The body of judges represents the first security lobby, but now another pressure group has come to light, from within the prisons themselves: the guards' union. They are extremely right wing, certain groups of them are affiliated with neo-Nazi organizations. And these two lobbies openly support the purification of the Mitterrand regime. They are constantly demanding more and more, not only in terms of social favors (higher salaries, better work conditions, "independence", etc.) but also worse conditions for prisoners (peral punishment, isolation, less rights for prisoners, etc.).

The events of the fall of 1992 have occurred in two phases. Taking advantage of the killing of a guard by a "lenny" prisoner (who had been left in the normal prison population despite the recommendation of psychiatrists), a guards' strike that affected almost every prison in the country took place. But it wasn't a strike like those that had happened before (even though strikes by prison guards are prohibited by law). The strike's goal was to lean on the prisoners to make the prisons explode. We were locked in our cells 24 hours a day without anything, above all, no communication with the outside (no mail, newspapers, visits, etc.). Various prisons exploded with one dead and several injured among the prisoners. After more than 10 days the strike ended, the guards having obtained various advantages and measures but the strike left many offensive wounds in the prisons that will continue to fester.

Within the prisons the conflicts are rapidly exploding into open conflict. The following has occurred since the strike.

Here in France those condemned to long sentences (more than 10 years) are kept in special penal prisons and among them there are four high security prisons: Moulins, Chateauroux, Clairveaux and Landauzan. After the first strike the guards imposed many punitive measures, provocations, and punishments without cease. The union's official line was to "reintroduce authority." And in two days what was supposed to happen happened: in Chateauroux a helicopter dropped weapons into the yard leaving one dead and several wounded in the ensuing gunfight. In Moulins the prisoners seized the prison and held it for 2 days with 20 guards hostage, various wounded, etc. And finally, in Clairveaux a group of newly arrived prisoners escaped after a shoot out that left a guard

and a prisoner dead. Three of the four special prisons have been affected by these events.

The guards went on strike again. As always, taking advantage of the prisoners, leaving us locked in our cells without mail, visits and very little food for two weeks with terrible pressure until the riot police took over the entire prison system. The guards' strike was meant to punish the prisoners. An attitude that was clearly expressed by the level of the guards' hate and through it a clear, irreconcilable break within the prisons. The myth has ended of the guard as "educator." The first priority in these times of the "rights of man" reinsertion. [Ed. Note: This is the term used by Western European governments for the complete submission to capitalist state authority by political and political prisoners.] We have seen the beginning of the times of brutality. The current period in Europe is one of extermination produced by the seizure of state power by the most reactionary factions of society.

But the resistance is also growing. During the strike various prisons were burned down, shoot outs and escapes continued. Yesterday (Dec. 12, 1992) 3 more prisoners escaped, one was killed.

[Jean Marc is a political prisoner of Action Directe and a long time prison activist. He, and other AD prisoners have been held in isolation since their capture in the mid 80's. PLN has been previously banned from the French Prison system because of Jean Marc's previous articles about conditions in the French gulag.]

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FROM

## RUSSIA

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CHERNOGOLOVKA, MOSCOW REGION

RUSSIA

13.4.93

### *ANARCHY IN RUSSIA*

Dear friends from Autonomi,

I'm a Russian anarchist, a member of rather small (in the meanwhile) anarchist group IREAN - Initiative of Revolutionary Anarchists, from Moscow.

We are anarcho-communists, "Kropotkinists", but we are not an arrogant dogmatics and we are interested in other tendencies of radical ideas and activities very much, because we think that there is a lot of useful and interesting ideas in other tendencies too, and we must study their experience very attentively. We are interesting in the experience of autonomist revolutionaries very much too, but unfortunately we have not such big (as we would like) information about it. Can you send us some kind of this information (and maybe some issues of your autonomist newspaper?).

We would like to inform you about some events in the Former USSR in last month of 1992 and first month of 1993. We think that this information will be rather interesting for you.

■ OCTOBER, 17, MOSCOW.

A meeting timed to the international day of opposing "Mc Donalds" took place right in front of this restaurant's building. It was organised by the IREAN members. (We hold such meetings every year.) We called for the boycott of this establishment. Representatives from IREAN, CAS - Confederation of Anarcho-Syndicalists, the "League of Green Parties", and some other anarchist and radical leftist groups participated. Numerous demands of ecological and political nature were presented.

■ NOVEMBER 5, KAZAN (TARTARSTAN)

There was a conference held devoted to the 103rd anniversary of N.I. Maknos birth (social-revolutionary anarchist peasant leader around 1917-21, Autonomi), and the 3rd anniversary since the AKAS - Alliance of the Kazan Anarchists existence.



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■ NOVEMBER 7.

IREAN and representatives of some other anarchist and radical groups (even some trotskists were participated) organized and held a demonstration (independently of stalinists, who held their demo too) at the honour of 75th anniversary of OCTOBER REVOLUTION. We went with black and red flags along Tverskaya Street, singing revolutionary songs, to Pushkin Square, where we were forced to stop by cops from the special militia forces (OMON). Because we were not such numerous for a direct fight with "Servants of Power", then we were forced to go Manezhnaya-Square by side streets. We arrived at this Square hour and earlier before 30.000 stalinists and nationality demonstrators (in Russia, stalinists and ultra-right nationalists often hold such joint demonstrations...), and so we could to hold a meeting. Although we had only a weak megaphone, about 600 people listened our speeches. Our main slogans were:

1. Long live Revolution!
2. Down with bureaucrats and capitalists!
3. Down with all forms of privatisation! Lets expropriate old and new masters!
4. Down with chauvinists, fascists and nationalists!
5. Lets take a general strike - an occupation of Factories and plants by workers!
6. Death to the Capital, Freedom to Labour!
7. War to huts, palaces to everybody!

Genererally speaking, anarchist groups in ex-USSR are small in numbers, and some of them have very strange positions about anarchism. As example, when we held a meeting and demonstration on the 7th November, 1991 - with similar slogans - the "Moscow Union of Anarchists (this group doesn't exist any more) together with three other anarchist groups put out a statement, in which they judged us for it. In this statement they said that "to the road through capitalism is the only road towards anarchism" (It is interesting, because already the Menshevikki and the old Plechanov-group in "Iskra" said something similar about the way and the first stage to socialism is through capitalism... comment from the AUTONOMI-collective). They said also, that we advertise obsolete ideas, and so on...

In this period we carried out and some other actions:

on the 8th November 103rd anniversary of the birth of MAKNO was celebrated (We held a short meeting under slogan: "New Makhnovskchina will be our going out of the crisis"); on the 25th of february, 1993 we held a picket against political repressions in Nigeria and in defense for nigerian political prisoners - Libertarian Socialists: Udamba Ekurs, G. A. Audu, Kingsley Etioni and James Nuabuisi. In the 18th March we celebrated (with a picket of course) 122nd anniversary of Paris Commune.

We received the following

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...RUSSIA



PRAGUE

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There were some OTHER actions too...  
DECEMBER 25-27 (1992) ST. PETERSBURG.

The 5th congress of ADA (Association of the Anarchist Movements) was held there. There were anarchists from Moscow, St. Petersburg, Donetsk and other cities of ex-USSR participated.

The questions on the agenda dealt with withdrawals from the Army enrollments, citizenships and State borders. There was a plan of joint actions for next year discussed. The congress adopted a number of resolutions on the boycott of the Army enrollments, on State Frontiers and some others. An appeal of the 5th congress of ADA to the local administrations of the Russian town VOLOGDA was adopted. It was decided to hold the next congress in Vologda, simultaneously with the all-anarchist action, which would also take place there in September 93.

In summer there will be strong ecological actions in CHEREPOVETS (Vologda region) - for more informations about this action-campaign, please write to:

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Russia

I think, that is enough by now. We hope to hear from you soon.  
In Solidarity, Michael from IREAN.

# FRONTA

Prague. 3.3.93

Dear comrades from Autonomi,  
I send you our magazine from  
our group (FRONT), and A-Kontra -  
an anarchist paper.

Our infocafe in the squatted house  
was closed by police (21.12.92) after  
brutal attacks from police and neonazis  
together!

Now the sqatted house is given to the  
Spekulanten-housefirm "Prudom".

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Fight to victory!  
Fight the Power!  
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